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1—Wednesday.

To day the weather was moderate and a little snow was falling occasionally but it was pretty cool, and a nice New Year's day.

I did not visit the office today, at all. We had a very good meeting in the church when we elected a Managing Committee. Mr. Cameron gave us a very good statement of the finances of the church and also an estimate of the probable income of the church for the next year. We agreed to take the matter in hand at next prayer meeting evening and to inaugurate a system that will liquidate the debt.

We went to Mr. O'Brien's to dinner and we had a very good dinner. James Noble and Lot Patterson and their folks were present. In the afternoon we went to see Mrs. Richards the jaeger who has been very ill indeed from inflammation on the lungs but sitting better. She looks very ill though. Helen O'Brien has Jimmy and is very ill indeed. It is expected that her throat will break that is come to a head and break.

We went to Mr. McDougal's to another dinner and tea and then enjoyed ourselves. The rest of the evening we had a very good time indeed. Mr. Cameron from across the river was there and he seems a very nice fellow indeed and Mr. Logan says that he is a great reader and has lost mastery of the descriptions of Adam Smith and John Stewart with on Political Economy and other matters.

Mr. Logan called today on Father Wagner and he informed them that some person had asked him that some persons were planning to blow up our public buildings in Lowell why as they are doing in England.



To day the weather was more moderate again and the humming of snow going away.

I put out my school notices today and dated them on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. They ought to have been out before. I was very busy today all day. Mr. Hughes came in in the afternoon and I went through a great deal of non-resident lots. We just a number of them that ought to have been advertised was not and will have to remain open another year.

The Germans in England are giving a great deal of trouble. To the Government by sending letters to prominent men and individuals in the police filled with some kind of combustible materials and when opened will explode and injure the party opening them. Some of our depot men make fellows who try such things.

Mr. Mr. Nathan came in this afternoon and we had quite a chat on public matters. He seems in excellent spirits. He is one of the coldest fellows I ever saw in all my life.

We had in William M. Lynn and wife and Mr. Robertson and wife and several young ladies and we had a very good pleasant evening. Robertson is very pleasant company indeed.

The election contest is becoming very warm both parties are sanguine I believe at least so it is said.



3—Friday.

Today the weather very curious. I was quite a white frost and fog in the morning until towards afternoon when it commenced snowing some and continued the most of the evening in that way. I had some solid business today but not much profit. The Groceries were fixed for going to look at Barker that went part of my shop.

In the afternoon Mr. Prescott came up and we went into the Non Resident Lots and looking at the greater proportion of them we returned all afternoon until six o'clock. But we go through he does not seem to think much of the business capacity of the season.

Not much news of any moment it is said by the Telegraph from Europe today that Dr. Livingston is alive and well. That Greenland is still German and in both England and Ireland and there are still vague rumors about invasion or rather depredation.

James and Mattie Brand came from Colchester tonight. No news of any moment as far as I can hear. Mr. Seymour and Mr. Lyon are pursuing their careers bravely and so are the others. Both parties are sanguine of success but which will win it is hard to say. I think Mr. & Seymour will do the best things will take place.



To day The weather was fine all day  
a little inclined to snow at times but  
not much fell  
In the forenoon we had no other business  
of any moment  
I prepared my voters lists as also  
the returning officers pollbooks, which I  
sent to them or rather delivered myself  
I made out a number of warrants  
for the constables in the afternoon and  
had them audited and delivered, to  
them

In the forenoon I went down the boat  
with Mr. Sumner and I think he will  
beat White but is head today they  
seem a little nervous to meet about  
it but still I think he will govern  
is pretty sure too to beat old Manning  
The other slope there was very little  
that was interesting but in the evening  
mail I found it full of Mr. Gladstone's  
predictions. His constituents and to  
looking my's instructions and wishes  
Institutes. He certainly is a most able  
man his speeches are the best in  
the language Indeed to me we have  
no public man I would sooner trust  
with the liberties of the people than  
Mr. Gladstone

I wrote a note to Mr. Bell today  
about the price of pork as it appears  
he has sold his pork and is to get 25  
cents less than it was paying in London  
on the day he sold it

John Sturges came in to see us  
today but he only stayed a minute  
and went on



5—Sunday.

So deep the weather was fine and moderate all day it looks much like snow this evening. The Rev. gave us a New Year's sermon to day from the Epistle of James 4 chap 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> verses. Whereas we know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life it is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. For that we ought to say, If the Lord will we shall live and do this or that. His discourse was principally putting us in mind of our duty that we ought always to be doing and do our duty faithfully. Many of us went on doing and probably along with earth but who were not thinking of preparing for that day and that hour when our final account will have to be rendered. The sermon was very good indeed. He read closely and I think he always does better.

In the afternoon we had Sabbath school a very good attendance indeed for the time of the year. I was quite unwell in the afternoon a sort of heavy biliousness hanging over me but not a little better in the evening.

In the evening he preached a very good sermon from the words contained in the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of 2<sup>nd</sup> chap of Hebrews "But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." I often think on these matters that is the theory of the incarnation or of Christ. Well he gave us a little of his humiliation, death and exaltation. But the best part of his discourse was when he took the tasting of death as literal and true and said he accepted it as such and did not go about it in a philosophical way which was right. I think in every particular of we are to take the theory of incarnation as right at all.



To day the weather was a kind of Doffy  
and raw and a good deal of slush on  
the streets.

This being Election day the excitement  
ran pretty high a good many people were  
out and a good deal of feeling was exhibited  
on one occasion William Macsup took  
the lead in the morning and kept on  
increasing the distance between him and  
white until at the close of the poll at  
five o'clock he was left in the lead  
to the extent of 91 votes. In the Crown  
ward, that is the first ward he was 38 to  
Macsup's 74 in the second he was  
33 to Macsup's 59. In the third he  
was 35 to Macsup's 64. Macsup  
having nearly two thirds of the votes.  
In the first ward Mr Cameron had  
67 to Messrs 43 leaving a majority  
of 24. So that the  
of being ruled by the common people  
at present is Squalid and we have  
the satisfaction of seeing the thing taken  
out of their hands.

I was not very well all day I was  
bothered and have been bothered with  
indigestion ever since about the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec  
but I am in hopes it will soon be  
over in as my close duties to my office  
thus in a measure does.

We had the first of a series of prayer  
meetings to night this being the last  
of prayer it was really a very good  
meeting and Mr Macsup and Mr Macken  
were present and did very well in leading  
us Mr Macken is always so warm  
in his Christian feeling.



JANUARY.

7—Tuesday.

Today it is still mild and very quite  
slippy still. The rain and thawing made  
the road quite slippy but a pretty good  
day nevertheless.

We had no Police business today and  
I was busy selling my returning papers  
for books in good time and got them  
signed and declared. I hear Mr Wood  
of opposition to Mr. Sugg now I suppose  
white men that it would be extremely  
unpopular and that he will let it alone.

I think it is best for him but he can  
use his own judgement in the matter he is  
of age.

I procured the ~~second~~ <sup>third</sup> number of St Pauls  
Magazine today and I read a most excellent  
article on the Foreign Policy of England in  
which the policy of Palmerston and Russell  
were zealously defended and the policy of  
Gladstone or rather Stanley taken ~~into~~ to take  
he showed that Stanley had no policy and that  
he showed himself unwisely by his speech on the  
question of Luxembourg that he did not intend  
to ask anything when he went into the matter  
and was therefore unmanly.

We had the prayer meeting this evening  
and we had a very good one indeed and  
quite an interest was manifested and a  
very good meeting we had ~~indeed~~ Mr Kemp  
talked a little too much I think but that  
can be got along with he does is pretty  
well considering.

The Mr. Evans left today for Lifford East  
Antrim intending going down to Londonderry  
with Cameron tomorrow morning.



JANUARY.  
8—Wednesday.

So day the weather was some changed  
it was quite cool all day until night  
when it blew up into a storm as night  
was very busy today all day getting  
my fire boots ready for the celebration  
at 12 o'clock so I left them all up  
and Ireland William W. Egan duly elected  
Deputy Town

There was quite a contest between  
George Rankin in the upper ward and  
the George Brown Rankin was opposed  
by the Roman Catholics but as only  
only 24 votes could be mustered in  
favour of George and 61 in favour  
of Brown Brown was therefore Ireland  
duly elected School Trustee In the  
first ward William Brown was elected  
and in the second ward James Noble  
old Thomas Mason wanted to run for  
School Trustee but he got insufficiently  
back he could not get a sermon so he  
was obliged to withdraw

Our prayer meeting to night was very  
good we had quite an attendance  
but notwithstanding the weather I  
saw Mr. M. M. M. he had lost his  
bag with several valuable papers in  
it besides about forty dollars worth  
of clothes it was stolen out of the car at  
Saint Leonards the night before last  
he seems to be particularly unfortunate as  
it is only about three weeks or a month  
since he lost \$243 by having his pocket  
picked at the Queen Hotel Toronto

James Bell has not got home yet  
but intends going to Scotland in the morning  
Allen is troubled with a sore throat



JANUARY.

9—Thursday.

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To day it was one of the coldest days of the season I was informed that it was under zero last night. To night it is intensely cold.

Robert has been quite unwell today all day a fearful cold in her head and a tender sore throat. She took a Park in the evening and it relieved her a great deal and allowed her free breathing through her nostrils. So that I think to night she is a little better. I am some afraid my family will not be very healthy poor little Alice has a something the matter with her side and complains a little of it already well if he does that. Thus early what are we to expect he will do before many years are over. It makes a man feel that he had better have had his family there before them taken away from him. After they are adjoined in years.

We had no case before the Court today our Police business thus far has been very little the present year. And I trust that the year thus auspiciously begun will continue on as it has begun.

Young Beullette came up and looked into Mr. Sayer's addressment yesterday. No doubt with the intention of prosecuting Mr. Sayer a very foolish thing to say to any body that has any sense about them. The Sayer meeting was remarkably well attended to night. I said a few words on the Ministry perhaps they were not well taken by some. As they were intended to give some of those people a little more sympathy and more patience than they were in the habit of giving. The Legislature of Ontario as Mr. Sayer would say mean business a great many bills were introduced yesterday by Henry Smith and others.



To day the weather was excessively cold all day and freezing heavily up until night.

I was busy ~~to-day~~ all in making out warrants so as to settle up my gas business that is not for myself but for the credits of the town.

There is no news of any moment from home. I have not had time to read much to day as I have to go to prayer meeting at night and also to attend a little upon Helen who is still far from well. I believe to night she has got influenza in fact her intense headaches would seem to indicate that as much as anything I trust she will soon get better as she is bedded in the house very much just as after flu and she feels that

Our prayer meetings notwithstanding the cold has been unusually well attended. I may say any movement done ~~for~~ better than it has ever done. Mr Kemp has spoken well and ably on almost every topic he has taken up. He has extraordinary facility in speaking he never misses a word of a paragraph. I got a note from the Treasurer tonight about the Wintering log in Windsor, as also a paper from Carverham wherein ~~he~~ shows is given an account of the Municipal elections and Duncan McLean's gallant fight for the Township but he lost by fifteen votes.



There has been quite a snow storm during  
the night and wind has blown round  
to the north east and frosty thermometer at 8 am.  
I gave Mr. Hughes the numbers of the  
lots in Mortimers Chase in County Measum  
as also taxes on lots in William Bayley  
and also making a request for the tax on  
blocks 7 & 8 Harrow St. for Alex. Campbell  
he is going to pay them and we are going  
to clear off a mortgage on Town Hall St.  
It was busy all day. At dinner time  
with matters in the office we were  
disappointed in bringing the stone point trespass  
case on Williams the defendant was not  
here and regarding with his witnesses here  
so it was quite a disappointment but we  
could not help it, he was evidently or is  
I should say a shifty scoundrel & if no  
account we issued a warrant for his arrest.

Went across the river on Sat. the  
afternoon and bought a thermometer and  
brought it home with me.

We had a very good prayer meeting in the evening as a lead up to the prayer meetings as appointed by the Evangelical Alliance. My group had done admirably throughout all these meetings. We just showed a very good idea of having these things conducted rightly after the meeting. I had an excellent work of prayer from at Rosedale in which he was rather deep on the Lord especially in praying their just love and how good into prayer when in office when all their lifetime they have been afraid.

They have been afraid  
 Helen is better today. She has been  
 up & down and about the suffragette is a  
 damn affair and I am not a bit  
 of its doing  
 Mrs Williams came in from  
 Mount Duffer



To day the weather quite cold all day. I should think the thermometer stood nearly about 16 above zero the highest it was. Mr Kemp preached pretty well from the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> verses of the second chapter of the first epistle general of Peter. He gave us really a good sermon on the new commandment and the new life. He was late and we were waiting for him.

In the afternoon we had a very fine Sabbath school meeting. I talked of the boys a little about strolling away from the school.

I had some out of the British bookman & when I do on story about pay as you go was very good and one which as far as I am able to manage the matter will be done by my husband and no notes of any kind shall I see or my signature wherein I have the least doubt.

In the evening Mr Kemp preached a very curious sermon about whether we live we must ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> the Lord or whether we die we die unto the Lord whether living or dying we are the Lord.

A rather curious sermon on the whole no news of any moment today.



13—Monday.

To day the weather was fine all day but pretty cold thermometer ranging from 10° in the morning to 17° above zero at midday. We had a case of stealing from the Great Western Railway a fellow was stealing oranges out of the conductors room and taking them to the old clothing store and selling them for a long time ago. By then the case was postponed until today when something will be done up the matter. Today I did not do a great deal of business. I was a kind of tired day and disinclined to work.

Mr Logan came in in the evening and told me of his experience in Toronto where they had had an interview in Toronto with the Attorney General. And then away quite pleased with their interview he seemed to unburden himself to them and gave them an account of all his experience as a leader from the time he entered Parliament until now. He seems to have got a hold of the affairs he wrote to Mr. Bayly and Mr. Dawson any questions that may be put to him.

I read a somewhat remarkable Review of the essays of Miss Mather entitled "Ships from a German Workshop" it is principally his researches in the Sacred books of the Religions of the East and what is remarkable in the matter is the extraordinary similarity of all Religions—Jew Christian and heathen—to one another at their inception. Another thing is apparent that our Christian Religion was better treated at its inception than it is now and so it is with almost every Religion it was simple at the commencement but is now buried beneath the rubbish of ages. I am going to dust my mind now to that sort of thing than I have hitherto done.



So day the weather was quite cold and frosty! Not excessively cold but still cold enough to make me and the man who shut up today but the boats easily passed. I was busy today getting ready for the Council tomorrow. I hoped a By-Law that is the By-Law for raising the Six thousand dollars is as well ready for the final passing when it should come. I was much interested by the debate on the Crown Lands which had taken place last night. There was a good deal of sharp shooting even between the Ministry and Richards pitched into Wood for interfering with him. They did not seem to be a happy family at all. Then Blake he pitched into Ferguson and Ferguson into Blake in a splendid style.

I wrote to McKellar tonight on Municipal matters as also on the matter of the duty on Licenses. I was willing to take that birth if I could fit it. And I wrote to Cameron to try and procure it for me as also the wife to send me a copy of the Agricultural art so that I might have it against Saturday next the General Meeting.

Mr. Turner who is with George Grant buried his mother-in-law today. He went. Mr. Kemp went up to the Patented Littleton and attended the funeral. Then Mr. Kemp at five o'clock went out to Rankin to ordain some Missionary among the French there.

No news of any moment. It is said George Murray is to be tried up and so through the Bankrupt Court.



Today still pretty frosty and although  
wind had soft a little <sup>lighter</sup> ~~just~~ <sup>more</sup> snowed a good  
deal today but in the afternoon it blew  
clear and frosty again. There is nearly enough  
of sleeping snow for sleeping.  
We had quite a trial today on the case  
of Peter Desjardins against a man named  
Williams for breaking a gate at Stony  
point. We had a good deal of fun on  
the matter. The jury a sharp fellow  
Williams he pushed into Peter Desjardins  
a good deal. The case was finally adjourned  
until next Tuesday.

In the afternoon we had a ~~so~~ board  
meeting and passed on Mr. Law  
as directed in the By Law and as  
the Statute directs. And some other  
matters. And the final meeting of  
the Council was wound up as the last  
meeting in the year. The New Board  
will meet on Monday next.

In the evening we had the prayer  
meeting but the night was cold and  
not many were present. I had to  
conduct the meeting and we only  
had a chapter or two. And James  
and I conducted the singing.

The opposition I think made a bad job  
of opposing the Minister in investing the  
Lumpsum funds in Dominion stock  
and they were consequently beaten on  
the question but I suppose it was not  
a strict party vote.  
A great ball of Upper Ten done in  
Laurie Hall to night. A great lot of  
fash in my opinion.



JANUARY.  
16—Thursday.

Today the weather was quite frosty and cold all day the thermometer about ten degrees above zero. The river was partly full of ice.

Today we had a little police business by sending Ball down to sea again he is a wounded man and a vagrant and a chicken thief.

I got my office a little cleaned up to night and my papers into ship shape.

Mr. Mason going to school today and he informed Mr. MacLennan that he has made his last visit to the Grammar School business. He does think of going back again and going into any college that is they are anxious about doing so and hope he will be again put into such employment as he is able and conscientious man. He will not I understand teach any Theology at present.

No news of any moment today. The discussion in Parliament interesting. The United States are becoming pretty hot on politics again. The Democrats are beginning to swarm a good deal there were a few girls at tea to night at John Whistling of Helen Johnston and also one Alister.

I wrote a letter about Elizabeth Bartholomew's engagement with a school in Rochester to Mrs. Voss and also a letter to James Bole and also the office father. Now news of what I hear of.



17—Friday.

Today the weather was very steady not  
 very cold nor very warm. Thermometer at  
 81 above zero in the morning and 20 at noon  
 and 16 at 10 o'clock P.M. ~~at~~

I was busy writing up my Minutes to  
 day as also making out Warrants for those  
 who has accounts against us.

I saw Mr. Wile today who came up  
 this morning. The route adjourned until  
 Monday at four o'clock. It seems very  
 anxious to have us give him any idea  
 of what amendments we want on the  
~~Aggravated~~ <sup>penitentiary</sup> Bill. A questionnaire bill  
 I got the bills by mail tonight and  
 I have this evening prepared resolutions  
 on the subject of the bill especially with  
 regard to the small amount of grant  
 from the County. I think it is better to  
 have the grant made direct by the Govt  
 than through the Providence Association.  
 There is a good many alterations in the  
 bill from the one we voted on at the  
 meeting of the Legislative Delegates.  
 There seems to be quite a fuss at  
 Washington over the reappointment of  
 Stanton as Secretary of War. The  
 persons in Washington and are  
 pretty well mixed up the power  
 are very active.

We are going to Amherstburg tomorrow  
 if all is well.

I wrote a letter today for the Record  
 signed President. Especially with regard  
 to good selection of parties to the late  
 Ball.



To day the weather was quite cold all day. In the morning the thermometer stood  $12^{\circ}$  above zero with a clear heavy ice started in Anyherstburgh. It snowed a little during the forenoon but at night it cleared off and went to freezing pretty hard. We got down to Anyherstburgh all after after a dreary ride of about two hours in which we had to face a pretty heavy wind and a slight storm. When I got ~~down~~ <sup>up</sup> I had quite a heavy sack at my head. Helen stood it just as well as I did myself. We found Thomas's people much better than we expected and Thomas himself able to be about apparently afflicted with weakness and I think his mind seems to be in trouble, and has a down dragging tendency in ~~the~~ its effects upon him. Helen cheered them up as well as she could.

Went to the Agricultural Meeting and we got on very harmoniously and my wife the only thing we differed on was the election of a Vice President in which I proposed John Wean and Armitage proposed James Bowie. Bowie was elected John Wean by one vote. My Resolutions and Petition were adopted and I was thanked for my exertions in the matter. We started for home at two o'clock and arrived about five o'clock. In good condition and in good health.

I received a letter from James Bell enclosing ten dollars for postage stamps. In the evening we read the "Nation" and the Globe. The "Nation" is really just late as the general topics of the day. So disinterested and so unrough.



19—Sunday.

So dry the morning was quite cold Thermometer when I got up was at 10° above zero but finally rose to 30° after lunch and south west

A Mr Mc Laren preached for us today from the subject of being heirs of the inheritance he gave us a very good sermon, about the beauties of heaven somewhat common place, but good.

We had Sabbath School in the afternoon very fair attendance and the spirit very good indeed.

In the afternoon Olga Bill James Bill and Thomas Bill all came in from Colchester. Some cold, but comfortable conversing.

In the evening, we had a most splendid sermon from Mr Mc Laren he preached from the words "Man cannot live by bread alone" he took the first idea of the selfishness of man and made a most splendid appeal. Then he also showed how even the philosopher in search of truth is selfish and also the man who cultivates the social qualities. Then he turned the other side of the picture and showed what the man who was the Christian how he lived. It was really a splendid effort I think he has preached no better sermon here excepting one the one on God commending his love. I wish it were published it would be good.

Heard today of a brutal murder of a coloured man who had been getting money for a church whether it was true or not it is heard today.



To day the weather was quite soft and the snow disappearing and some the appearance of a thaw but while I am writing the wind from the ~~west~~ north east begins to blow and freeze.

We had the case of assault by one Lawrence a dorky and one Gray another dorky but the case was dismissed with costs on account of the hard locating of the witnesses of Gray.

The Council met today and organized and appointed auditors. Rejected the old ones which satisfied poor white no doubt. Then a number of resolutions as to market expenses were passed and a committee was appointed on Municipal matters and then we had some discussion about an engine.

I was a little surprised today on the legal quibbles of J. J. Marshall and John O'Connor about the ~~summons~~ ~~things~~ I went and then Henry Scatterman about it and I agreed to bring the matter on for a week in the meantime we will allow the case to stand for a day or two so that Red may have it settled if possible.

In the evening I came wife and told him about the Agricultural Bill and how they were reading the account of Governor's message in paper and they had sent a petition to him to present for the alteration of the bill.

We had a number of folks at the house tonight chiefly Miss Kemp and Miss Williams along with Clara and Lones Belle Thomas. Belle went home today.



21—Tuesday.

By day the location was slightly changed in  
 front a little all day and Wind from the  
 North  
 we had today the finishing of the Lillington  
 case Williams was fined \$4 and costs to pay  
 a brief appeal

I wrote a note to the Mayor about the  
 constables that had been on since the fire  
 of 802 an indignant letter back saying that  
 he was authorized their appointment

I got paid by Campbell for block 7 of  
 lot 8 & 7 lots (814) 28

I made out Trust & Loan Co's taxes  
 and Wilson gave them to Mr. Mucken to  
 be sent to Read quarters

Dunaway & Ogall want me to be a  
 trustee for Baby estate in corporation  
 with them so that I would be in an  
 office of some responsibility

George Francis Mann has been arrested in  
 England as a felon but I suppose he is released  
 again by this time

Prepared my account of Agricultural Society  
 meeting for paper to appear to-day. Only one  
 up Resolutions that were adopted at meeting  
 Legislature doing nothing at present or did  
 not get an hour yesterday

Great Disturbance in Washington the people  
 are sending churches down to assist them  
 the reason is the failure of the Marshall  
 fishery. No news of any importance today



So day the weather was very mild all day and at night it commenced a regular snow storm just commenced

There was no police business at all today except a sort of crazy person

The forenoon I had a somewhat chequer time I was busy writing my minutes and a woman came in whose husband was dead but who had been decoyed away by Annie Burton. She had no doubt but the means of his leaving home and ~~not~~ going up his wife. He had only her money and many other such things. I am afraid the coloured people in so far as this kind of morality is concerned are extremely immoral.

Miss Williams was here this evening. James Bell went home to the bridge tonight by the train. Emma Bell went down in the stage today as also two others who went down. (Edw Thomas) who was much worse so it is quite a letter to James Noble today but it may be a false alarm.

In the afternoon we held a meeting of the committee of council on Municipal and assessment acts and suggested a good many amendments. Mr. O. A. G. was present as he really do not need to have any great amendments to it.

Miss Williams is to leave her mission work amongst the coloured people on Friday morning next for Toronto. She informed me tonight that word had come from England that poor Sarah had had herself expatriated by the best medical advice and had around the last intelligence that there was no hope of cure.



Today the weather was soft in the morning it warmed a little then a heavy wind set in from the west and blew all day until night when it began to freeze again.

There was no police business today I was busy making out my report of conduct for Municipal and assessment committee. It is quite a long document. One third of it is of foolscap. We proposed 12 amendments three for Municipal and 9 for assessment.

In the afternoon I crossed the river and bought a new book for Matthew Williams as a present from Mrs Bell for her kindness towards her Mrs Bell. It was given to Mrs Williams to take down to her tomorrow morning when she leaves for Toronto.

Mrs Cheyne came back today from Cucksham and says that Thomas was very ill and that he had had his lungs sounded by the doctor and was told by them that there was no hope for him. That he must soon be gone. I follow it is a sad thought. It appears he has made his will.

Parliamentary work is quite busy. Sir Henry Smith introduced an election law that will abolish the Parliamentary election. The elections are to be held all on one day and at the same time. Then there was a bill on education but it is laid over for a while.

There is a bill for a homestead law that is the best one is a mere bagatelle of a homestead law. Sir Henry Smith has brought in another which will be better if it passes.

I read to Helen tonight a sketch of the life of James Hamilton.

I sent a letter with the suggested amendments of Council to J. C. Myhr and one to Solomon wife explaining them.



To day the weather was much changed quite changed to a severe frost and the sun blotted up all day now but heavy Western frosts the only one crossing no other business today. ~~was~~ there seems to be no other business in these days a good delirium.

I got my Municipal business or rather minutes all into the paper today as also my Municipal Report. No news of any importance. Mr. Brown, West End, today and unable to keep school. He has got a severe cold and went over to hear South last night and being out late I think he got his cold increased in that way. but poor fellow I am afraid he is nothing for this world.

Elizabeth Burtt is going to Colchester to night to teach school at Cornwall. Poor girl she will be a little lonesome.

There was not much news today the Parliamentary proceedings were quite dull. There seems to be a probability that Artisan rights will be swept away. It is to be hoped that such a perversion may be entertained as it will be the most fair mode of proceeding.

We had the preparatory lecture to the Communion to night but there were only a few present it being so cold a night.

I heard that Nelson Williams's Mother-in-law was dying that he would not last over the night.



JANUARY.  
25—Saturday.

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So day the morning was quite frosty  
day during the night so above zero clear  
sunshine all day and then in the afternoon  
foggy and quite a snow storm commenced  
at seven o'clock and still continues at the  
time of writing.

No more business today our loan is  
becoming more moral or rather the hard  
things prevent people from getting drunk  
I sent the paper round today several  
members of the House it had in our suggestions  
of amendments to Municipal and Assessment  
Acts.

The river today was almost impassable  
full of ice from end to end there is  
up to the Island the boats only made a  
few trips. The Globe & Mercury had  
a very good debate on the present policy  
of the Govt it seemed while it was a great  
thing but the putting on a man on Island  
and then being his hands from using  
the lumber on his lot.

Lecturers Grant are in a fair way  
I think of being knocked in the head  
all parties seem to agree with and if that  
is the case why it will be done.

I saw Mr. Sloan today he is some better  
I think he seems to have the influenza just  
like what Helen had. But Helen had still  
a bad cold and sore throat. Mrs. Norton  
has been very ill so has Mrs. Kemp. Quite  
a number of people are sick at present.  
I have reason to thank a kind Providence  
myself. I never was better.

Mrs. Kemp has been on quite a journey  
to Nauvoo and came back well pleased.

Dr. Morant came out today in reply  
to a note we did in pretty well and asks  
several questions of us.

John G. Buchanan came in tonight but has  
found no place to settle down on so he has  
been here to stay a while at home yet.



So day the Snow Storm continued the entire day. Last night as we were writing it commenced and it is now about nine inches deep freezing enough. Thermometer drops 18° above zero.

Mr. Kemp preached an appropriate sermon today in a very warm season. The church was very full. Many families are sick. Mrs. Chym, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Kemp. Mr. Armstrong with his brother and others. While I am present, we not remember we had only about thirty left down at the table today. We sang hymns this forenoon. Work we must do before.

In the afternoon we had Sabbath School. There were only a few children and I went over Mrs. Chym in the afternoon. She was some better. ~~at~~ but suffering from influenza and sore throat. I also saw Mrs. Lane and she was suffering from a sore leg. A running sore in it.

Ladies spoke when home and Margaret Lane went to Amherstburg today. Dale Thomas he was a little more comfortable today but very ill. Life ebbing fast. War is said.

Mr. Kemp preached very well in the evening. A Thanksgiving sermon on the words 'The Lord shall ransom the soul of the Lord shall return with you.' The sermon was pretty good but Mr. May out on account of bad roads.

Read a very good sketch in Sunday Magazine of the Protestants in a rural district in the South of France. And how a young pastor had infused new zeal into them and made them more anxious enquirers about the way to God.

Had a spring morning out the valley of the Jordan. Very good.

John is still a little troubled with sore throat. No getting news of any more. But thankful to God for my own continued health and prosperity.



27—Monday.

To day the weather was fine all day but the frost gets keen towards night the thermometer began to fall and at the time I am writing it is 44 below zero the lowest we have had in this year.

We had a meeting this evening in the establishment of a Slay Club. The first we are to have and John W. Swan acted as Secretary. Then we established a constitution and made the membership \$2 entry and \$2 per year but I am afraid that we will have such a poor lot of creatures such as peddles and others of that ilk that I doubt whether we will be able to get on I paid my entrance.

We had no other business today I wrote out the certificates of the Slay Club as the affidavits of five hundred households and freeholders and gave them to Henry. No news of any moment today I shall not time to read much today but I saw by the Globe that he is in favour of Sir William Smith's bill for penance. ~~But~~ I read extracts from Miss View's book of the way she used in the highlands and the way she liked the highlanders, it was in the Globe taken from the London Times.

James White says Thomas is very low but may live a short time as he seems very much disgusted with the way Marianne and the family were and how dirty they were and how miserable they looked and he thinks they looked very bad Mrs Bell was there who seems very much displeased with the way the family were being brought up.



To day it has been a fine day all day and the sun shining part of the day but last night it was told by James Baxter that the thermometer went down as low as  $11^{\circ}$  below zero. Mine was five below when I went to bed. Last night it was by far the coldest of the season.

No Police business today of any account. Something about a baby striking a boy but nothing came of it.

I was busy making out my return to day in court clerk's court. Then I went across the river to get some paper for the court as I wanted to make out a copy of a By Law that agrees to be registered that is the Mining By Law and steam fire engine. The crossing the river was very difficult today and tedious I went on and was two hours in getting back.

Read the Globe tonight with the debates on the Free land grants and on the land presentation and other matters such as independence of Parliament.

Saw James Cheyne tonight from Colchester. He saw Thomas Noble he is no better but getting all the time. Can hardly speak. He has such great difficulty in breathing from what James said to me he does not think he will last long.

There is no other news today further than that Grand is about \$140,000 behind in her annual budget and that a loan will have to be put on the market.

I got a note from James Bell Sunday day about loan the paper I also saw him a letter which came from Helena Bell.



This Morning the weather was very cold  
and miserable but then I should think the  
thermometer must have been at zero at night  
it was nearly the same although in the middle  
of the day it was sun shing and nice  
I was busy in the forenoon getting my  
By Law Register and a schedule of the Debenture  
or rather I should say ready for registering  
Then I received a letter from one of  
Thomas' sons that he was so bad and  
so anxious to see me that I went and  
for the letter from Mr. Egan and started  
down to Amherstburg about two o'clock  
As I passed through Sandwich I left  
my By Law and schedule at the Registry  
Office and said I would call for them  
when I came back to Windsor we  
passed along nearly the sun shing brightly  
all the time we were going down but  
by the time we arrived in Amherstburg  
it was getting extremely cold  
we found Thomas' well very low  
and gasping for breath it seemed to me  
quite an effort for him to speak  
or to breathe and I suppose his life is  
only a question of a few days time  
he will not be able to stand it long  
The last days one lung is entirely closed  
up and the other is fast decaying  
The house is a dreary house and every  
thing seems most miserable the children  
have any fire near him and it  
makes us fearful to have such a house  
with such a fire going One boy is  
there and the others are in a great  
deal of trouble that she cannot get things  
after and I am afraid that if she  
were to stay there long she would be  
sick I went and left at two  
o'clock to night



To day the locution is still intensely cold. The anholes in the snow were smoking and I passed a very poor night with the cold not being used to a cold frosty room.

Thomas Webb was no better this morning. He passed a very poor night although a great vapor Helen got up with him all night and she says he slept a good deal and seemed to rest pretty well. Yet his phlegm and choking cough keeps him uneasy. He cannot take much nourishment.

I wrote a letter to Mr. Bill today about Ann and some other matters. I was astonished in posting my letter to find that a general idea had got abroad that James Webb had cheated Thomas and had not paid him all his money. This was said by James Baker and I was very glad to be able to give it a flat contradiction there and then.

I was rather unusually late today but I did in the evening at length get to bed. In the morning and James Webb would bring her up with him in the morning.

So about 12 o'clock I started and came home and arrived all after about half past two o'clock found all after at home. I was a little tired or rather cold. The sleeping was excellent. Got my pay from the Register all after and paid him \$3 for Registering. Read the Globe tonight. Parliamentary news unimportant. Read an excellent letter in the Times from Sir John Lubbock on the Law of Citizenship and he shows very conclusively that the American Law is no better than any other State in fact or is sheer humbug and nonsense for them to fret about the right of expatriation.



31—Friday.

To day it was pretty cold although not so cold as yesterday but clear and bright until night when it almost came down to zero or thereabouts.

I was busy today with some matters relating papers for which I am writing up for the County Council has given me \$425 for his services and has given me nothing.

Being lame home today she was very tired having put up all night with Thomas and at two o'clock he died. There was not much change in him when she came away he had taken a little refreshment during the night and was able to talk a little. But she that is Ellen is awfully ill pleased with Thomas's management that she is dirty and unmanageable and extravagant.

The Parliament is not doing much at Toronto. There seems to be no doubt of the Niagara and Detroit River Railroad bill passing.

This evening appears to be a clear one. I am told that Thomas died this afternoon at half past five o'clock. Being just very bad and very sorry that she had come home but they what could she help it there was no human foresight that could have told that he would die to night.

Poor fellow a good soul has died as you have said one who has left scarcely any money behind him. I went down to the telegraph to see telegraph to Mr. Bell and did telegraphed her that he would be down tomorrow morning and my mourners from the girls with us.



Today in the morning it was very  
 cold indeed thermometer at zero.  
 We got away and started for  
 Amherstburg about half past ten.  
 Margaret saw Sarah Eliza James  
 Noble Helen and I had got  
 on the front of the stage with Barker  
 the driver and I got very cold going  
 from Brooks to Amherstburg I was  
 especially cold we got down about  
 half past one and the weather very cold  
 Mrs Bell was very glad to see us  
 Margaret felt very bad and had  
 appendicitis the children did so. After  
 dinner we got away and went out to  
 the graveyard and saw the minister  
 and made all the arrangements about  
 the funeral and made all complete.  
 In the afternoon after we came home  
 got to Thomas and I brought in  
 some wood and kept on fire for  
 Mrs Bell I saw some such funny children  
 watching as those children of Thomas  
 are I had to go and saw some wood  
 in order to have them into sawing wood  
 and actually took in the clothes  
 on Mrs Bell the children would  
 not do it what in the world is to  
 become of Thomas family I don't know  
 It is really a problem that they will  
 have to solve we went to Mr.  
 Jones Steg and bed James and  
 I had to sleep together  
 Helen Sarah and Margaret Jane were  
 all busy making clothes for the  
 children all day they were very busy  
 and Helen was very tired and late



2—Sunday.

Today there was quite a snow storm in the forenoon and inclined to be soft but towards evening it cleared off and from my yard was at zero before we went to bed.

I went to my Grinning Church in the forenoon and heard a fine sermon. It was one on living a life of faith he preached about 30 minutes and did really very well indeed. The old church went very quiet but fine men in it some old folks but a good few new ones which I did not know. We went to

two Buns to dinner and at two o'clock the funeral took place we went to the Methodist Church and the preacher took for his text the last chapter and last verse of Daniel he made a very singular sermon as I ever heard and then he was all up. I suppose

Wm. Hyddeman, William Noble and my wife and John Dams as well as myself were the brothers in law present. It was quite a large funeral a great number of ladies were present. and went out to the grave yard with us.

Then we came back again and got ready and started for home at four o'clock and came home by easy steps we took a little hot stuff at Hookers and Messys and got ourselves well warmed and got home all up and comfortable.

And thus we consigned to the Lord all that is mortal of poor Thomas. He has left a large family of what may be said to be seven helpless children poor things they will get up some how but how they will only he in the future explained to us.



This morning was the coldest of the season in fact on my thermometer it ran well 16 below zero and our thermometer registered 21 below zero last night which is really a very low temperature.

I was busy today we had old Mason and Charles Mackay before the Police Court. Mason for the loss of his on the Abner Cuyler and then he brought up Charles for driving so that both of them for pretty well rounded it was a mean dirty affair any how.

I was busy the rest of the day sitting my reports ready for the Council and making out by laws for the appointment of assessors.

In the evening, I had an account of Municipal and assessment act committee. There were several amendments suggested which will be useful and will be an improvement on the present law.

We met the Council in the evening and passed the assessment by law and made Charles James Parker Assessor along with McEwen and Joe Duplois. I was made License Inspector. And they passed a resolution authorizing the Fire Committee to purchase an American Steam Fire engine and all the standing Committee were appointed. The Mayor came down on Sun Feb like a thousand of buck and gave him 500 in appointing the night constables without authority.



4—Tuesday.

To day it feels much milder than yesterday  
although not by any means thawing.  
I did not look at the thermometer today.

I did not do much today. There was  
so much bother about people and the church,  
and some other matters about Wood that  
I lost the day altogether and did very  
little indeed. It was quite mild this  
morning.

country I am sure that the President is determined to go to war with England he is going to make ~~the~~ a ~~premeditated~~ demand about the payment of the Alabama claims and of course if we are to have war about that again then we are going to get our fair share of all our leeward at least that is the case what a fearful calamity such a war would be. But what can we expect of a madman like Johnston who at present holds the reins of power in our hands.

I wrote a note to Mr. Nelson today about the Municipal Committee and keeping him up about the Saloon keeping question. I told him I was glad that he stuck out against the liquor interests. An effort was made to disfranchise or rather to qualify the Livermores on councilors. Was it would not

Then is a good deal of difficulty  
in calculating the interest on the Debentures  
and making the part value of them  
come out. I am sure he will



So day the weather was quite soft  
all day and though our ship  
was going away fast.

I was busy with my minutes  
and other matters & day writing them  
up as much as I could. And getting  
my papers filed and otherwise clearing  
up my office and buying food for  
the school. The old man had attended  
to that.

For Laura lost a child last  
Sunday of scarlet fever and is likely  
to lose others too. A very serious  
matter as the scarlet fever when once  
it strikes into a family we know  
what it is. We lost three interesting  
children in 1858 & 9.

Parliament goes on slowly. There  
was some attempt in Cork to blow  
up the city gates and a man was  
arrested who said he was on him what  
watches those fellows are but they will  
get tired by and by. I should think  
it is a sort of devilish mischief  
ness.

Our doctor has been very ill  
with his throat and last week  
when I went up to visit him  
it had broken slightly and he was  
getting up matter.

The Board of School Trustees  
organized tonight and elected Donald  
McMullen and me Secretary and Mr. Mc  
Mullen Superintendent. We are going to try and  
get the barracks for school.

The arms and accoutrements are  
all back into the hall again. The  
volunteers are drilling again.



6—Thursday.

Today the weather has quite changed a strong wind from North West and freezing hard all day but thermometer not very low but wind high.

We had the case of Moore today Assaulting Captain String Fack. Jack brought him up with intent to kill a most unfortunate case on poor Moore he was sent to jail and we could not help it. Although afterwards we found that they had sworn on a lot of lies and what poor Moore will do is is hard to say.

To night it is quite cold and disagreeable. The Globe gave an account of the debate on the Army Committee Law of Evidence but the discussion was very good indeed and showed out quite a lot of information.

The Niagara and Detroit Means Railway charter will be granted from all appearances although a good deal of opposition was manifested by vested interest such as the Great Western Railway.

Barbara ~~was~~ <sup>and</sup> I went to the Ice Kinging practice to night but we soon did not have the requisite books for us and so we were obliged to leave without practice.

The same exclusiveness was to be seen as ever a whole lot of the aristocracy were present but they did not show much. Truly a lot of stuck up pride amongst them which is contemptible.

Margaret came along up to supper from Amherstburg she brought no news with her of any importance.



To day the morning was quite cold  
 thermometer at zero and then it  
 rose in the middle of the day and  
 kept clear all day. This evening at  
 bed time it only registers 15° above

To day I made out some accounts  
 of distress and other matters of this  
 kind such as writing up minutes

There is not much news of any  
 sort today. I gave Laura the minute  
 books today. Of School Trustees Dr. Hall  
 made a note on the free club for him  
 which will be published as editorial  
 The school gave us Hyatt's speech on the  
 assessment bill which is very good and  
 it will be pushed through and come  
 into force at once so it is intended  
 the organ questions in the Presbyterian  
 Church is assuming some dimensions  
 The Presbyterian Church of Toronto appear to  
 be in favour of the organ so is the  
 Brockville Presbyterian almost unanimously  
 perhaps the Hamilton one will go  
 that way too

I got a letter from Rntu tonight about  
 Debentures which explains how we are  
 to ascertain the value of Debentures

Barbara Gess Williams and me  
 went and heard Henry Clay to  
 night. He did remarkably well his  
 jokes were very good indeed and  
 kept the house in roars of laughter  
 but the difficulty is that Englishmen  
 cannot appreciate him however  
 he did well and pleased most  
 every body. His jokes were very dry  
 but had a very large audience  
 the hall was packed full to the floor



8—Saturday.

Today the weather was much milder and wind from the South West at 4 o'clock it commenced snowing and continued on until the time of our writing.

The only case before the Police Court today was a woman who made an information against Partridge for an assault. He had been making on her and finally ejecting her from the house.

I had Webster's letter in the mail and a most admirable one it is. It criticises Mr. Lincoln's demand for ascribing the acknowledgment of the Confederacy as belligerents. In fact it shows from Lincoln's dispatches to foreign ministers and from the judgment of the Supreme Court that from his own mouth they were acknowledged as belligerents and their highest Tribunal acknowledged it.

Mr. Lowe has been descending at Liverpool on middle class education and he takes strong ground against the plodding through classes where education which would make them shrewd observers is neglected but I have not finally read it out yet.

The "Nation" is very hard on General Banks and his Amendment citizen bill. It actually put a clause in the bill authorizing the President to seize any English subject provided England seized any of our subjects or in other words if an English American went over there and picked up a row they too must not have their arrests on fear of the States making a similar arrest.

A very curious movement is noticed by the Nation that is the industrious circulation of the idea that bonds of the United States are held by large dishonest fellows who are at ease in the United States and because they do so then they ought to be repudiated. A diabolical idea.



To day the weather was rather peculiar in the morning the sky of the clouds were dropping it commenced snowing wind dropped wind North and we had it freezing hard all the day and it is quite cold sharp and a hard plan of frozen snow covering the earth and making excellent sleighing. The Minister Mr. Kemp preached from the text "Loe Omen that I thought again his maker is was a pretty fair sermon and indeed greatly beloved but there was a very kind congregation on account of the bad day I suppose.

Our Sabbath School was also thin. In the afternoon there was very little done by me in reading such James Bartter's two girls were in and they were all busy chatting. Lizzie Bartter has come from Colchester and is going down tomorrow again she is teaching at Charlton Cornwells.

In the evening Mr. Kemp gave us a sort of rambling sermon about the law and waking from the looks of the many that hats shall be from and him that hats nothing shall be taking away that which he deems to be on.

I read tonight a most excellent article on Journalism in the "Nation" the drift of which is to show that democracy should not legislate independent of Public Opinion.

and also a good one on the part of Mark Twain ago a very judicious article on the theory and extravagance of Americanism showing that every one of these papers take brought up to work and be produced instead of as at present spending the part is. I get the highest Christianity in the "Nation" the most mature thought any where.

I also read a letter of Adam Lounsbury on religious education. A. Adams.



10—Monday.

This morning the thermometer stood at  $10^{\circ}$  below zero and it was a clear sunshiny day throughout and rose to  $18^{\circ}$  above in the middle of the day and at a quarter past ten at zero again for two below.

No other business today unless it was a boy that Sam suspected of stealing sheep belonging to Preston over the year but we could not ascertain that any had been lost and so the matter stands for now.

Mr Whyte showed me that the Treasurer had two warrants charged in his account twice which rather astonished me I had paid in two of them myself just and they I am sure got out again and been paid over again to Marantide the collector. Now it has happened or now it got out again is one of the most inexplicable things in the world it is one of the things that has not occurred before. These ten years during the time I have been clerk I really don't understand it what is the meaning of it at all.

I read today an account or rather the celebrated speech of Mr Lowe before the Philomathesian institution at Leamford and a most able one it is he seems to be very strong against spending all our time in Latin and Greek and gives us his own experience that we ought to study the great English masters better than we do now and Sir Walter Scott early destroyed all the English books they could get them burnt or and they wrote English as well as most many although they were only mediocre scholars in Greek and Latin.

I read in the Globe tonight a mean trick on the part of the Rector of one of the Kingston Churches who is trying to get the better of a number of people that hold leases on some church lands situated in Kingston they call loudly for legislation to restrain him.

We had a letter from Aunt Anne today a very kind one indeed.



To day weather was still very cold  
thermometer at  $10^{\circ}$  below zero during the night  
frost again when I got up at  $5^{\circ}$  below  
so high it is not so cold perhaps it will only  
reach zero tonight

We had no snow business today and  
I was busy with my accounts for  
the Mrs. Gurneys and meeting letter them  
last today without going to court

The slighly is splended nothing like it  
been for some years I am sure the farmers  
ought to get along well this year

Not much news today the train  
was late in coming in it having come  
off the track about Northville it said  
the narrow and wide gauge locomotives  
don't work very well

The parliament have passed the  
agricultural bill or nearly so with the exception  
change in the bill only giving us \$700 instead  
of \$876. With the one amendment an  
amendment to it but it was of no  
use it would not carry

I read today the conclusion of Lowe's  
address it is really admirable and  
in my opinion conclusion on the middle  
class legislation. I loaned it to the Liberator  
we had a very good missionary meeting  
tonight as far as the speaking was  
concerned but as for the numbers  
and it was small however it was  
well put the well-learned families  
statisticians and we were rather gratified  
with the fact that our church done about  
as well as any other church

I wrote a note to Mr. Bliss this  
morning I gave him a few ideas on  
eternal punishment which may perhaps  
not meet his views



To day the weather has been quite moderate  
the thermometer above freezing the greater part  
of the day and is quite moderate tonight  
I commenced today making out  
the accounts of the 7th few remaining  
days of 1866

Today we had the case of Mason for  
sitting upon without a license we examined  
a few witnesses but it was postponed until  
Friday

In the afternoon I examined the school  
records to see whether they had books enough  
to keep them a going. I bought a few books for myself  
and I bought a few books for myself.

Today I saw today that the <sup>municipal</sup> ~~Police~~ Committee  
had the consideration of the Municipal bill  
before them and that the Police Magistrate  
was before them and urged the payment  
of the Police Magistrate's salary by the town  
a very good idea although it is not done  
he also recommended a lot of sweeping  
changes about licenses and the day being  
with the theme of appeal in liquor cases  
The Globe gave today a double edition  
the Schoolmaster and showed them up  
in glorious style indeed he seems not to  
have a leg to stand upon his cowardism  
and persistent skepticism.

We went to hear George Wright  
on the Iowa State Fairman he being  
very well but was scarcely so full  
of anecdotes as he was last night  
for getting news except the story between  
General Grant and the President in  
which I think the President has  
the best



This day has been the warmest day for  
 several weeks the thermometer above  
 zero

I was very sick today from early  
 morning until late in the afternoon  
 however it was a regular bilious attack  
 and I felt about as miserable as I  
 ever felt in all my life in fact I was  
 deathly sick at my stomach in the  
 afternoon and vomited up some bile as  
 bitter as gall. I was a great deal  
 bothered with people calling on me about  
 every twenty minutes

Mr. Bell came from Colchester today  
 with a load of corn but I was not  
 able to talk to him as much as I would  
 like

I was able to read the Globe and I  
 saw that the poor were demanding  
 a little to the passage of the Address  
 Act I am afraid that lawyers do not  
 know much about Municipal matters  
 Barbara and Christine Harter  
 went to the club tonight and were  
 kept in a good deal I was not able  
 to accompany them and my dream  
 for today is small on that account



14—Friday.

To day there has been quite a change; in the morning the thermometer was with me 3° below zero while as Mr. Swans is was 5° below where as transfer it is surely freezing with wind South.

The Mason case today was dismissed ~~and~~ or rather withdrawn because of the lack of Jurisdiction and perhaps on account of the doubts regarding the act.

No other Police business was on hand today. Clark informed of some fellow that endeavored to strike his son near our church and he (Clark's son) cut him with a carving knife which he had in his hand. I was busy with my school accounts the rest of the day. I wrote a short account of Kennedy's meeting in Windsor for the Record tonight but it was not so good as it might be. I was bothered at the time I was doing it.

The clerk contained the Estimates Report and it stated that the Literary Grants are to be given this year but that a stringent Resolution must be passed stating that it will be the last they will give.

No news of any moment today. Uncle Bill went home today. The roads are capital. Slipping never was better but if it is soft long it will soon run down.

We had a singing meeting tonight. There was not a great many present but we sang one new tune (Whitlock) we sang only ~~Monday~~ Tuesday evening to the words the God of Abraham Praise.



So day the weather was quite changed again  
quite a snow storm in the morning and then  
drip all day and freezing a little at night.  
No Public Business today of any moment  
some threats of going into some but nothing came  
of it.

I was busy with my school accounts.  
I found that we had paid out more  
money than our estimate by about  
\$1201 which was a bad job it seemed  
in this way that two years wood  
was paid in one we had to get  
some new stores for schools and the  
distinctions and repairs. Barracks did  
the balance. I had quite a job getting  
my accounts correct but ultimately did get  
them correct.

No news of any importance today. Some  
sharp shooting between the Minutemen and  
John Landfield McDonald. There was  
a very able letter from "Delta" to the  
Globe in favour of Estabrook  
against College and the Globe reply  
there to was very good indeed he showed  
conclusively that Grant's shortcomings at  
all they must give it to the very obvious  
college of Army and Polytechnic - I think  
the argument was conclusive.

I saw by the "Nation" tonight that money  
was very cheap going at 4 percent and a  
plethora as that in his article on inflation it  
was shown that the banks by a system  
of cheques issue and then credit to the  
extent of hundreds of millions of dollars  
while their capital was locked up in stocks  
for then he showed that it was utterly absurd  
to have any more money printed at  
Washington for the purpose of relieving  
the depression in business -  
Two fires in Detroit at a few minutes  
before midnight.



16—Sunday.

To day the weather has been quite cold all day although very little snow has taken place I suppose. The thermometer was only a little above freezing. To say it is cloudy and wind South-west threatening something.

In church I preached a very good sermon about worldly not loving the things of the world. Very seldom have I heard him give a better one but just took it negatively and then affirmatively. Negatively he said the danger did not mean that we were not to love anything that is beautiful in the world or useful or otherwise thoroughly in earnest in the pursuit of our business if our business was an honest legitimate business all well enough we ought to engage in it with all our might but not let it entirely absorb our thoughts from spiritual things.

Positively we were not to love the world to the exclusion of things spiritual. Neither were we to pursue the good things of the world to all degrees in the whole, it was a good sermon. In the afternoon we had a good Sabbath School at least a pretty fair one and pretty orderly as a general thing.

I did not read much this afternoon unless it was the scriptures so that I might be able to instruct my class in the things of God.

In the evening Father Chungway addressed us from the words in the 15th chap of St John "you are no more servants but friends" and gave us a very good sermon indeed. He did not launch out very heavily against the Pope unless it was the worship of the Virgin Mary. He would show that the church of Rome taught that we were great sinners but that the Virgin Mary would plead for us a great faith he said never existed any where and it held back many a poor sinner from the labour of good meetings both acts of worship.

I read a little church history this evening before going to bed.







18—Tuesday

Today the weather was fine although in the morning the thermometer stood  $8^{\circ}$  above zero but it was a real clear son shing day. No special business of any moment today. I was busy arranging for the committee to meet this afternoon.

The committee met and transacted a good deal of business. But the great bone of contention was the license whether Pittman Parked or anyone should retire from keeping Saloon or Saloon. The issue of the whole affair was played upon forks.

Poor Lizzie Lark was buried this afternoon. There was quite a large number of people at the funeral. The Lark's people being so universally respected, and the large turnout.

The Parliament have discharged the order in the assessment bill so we are, I have no change in the assessment laws this season. This is too bad. And we are still it would seem be cursed with the all prepotent influence of the non resident land speculators in our new house which I think is contemptible.

We had an excellent meeting of the Lulu Club we practiced altogether on two pieces that is "Gail Lumbering Mop" and "Here in cool frost and mossy hill" we were all more lively than usual.

Nothing further of news of any moment. Noble had the toothache very bad tonight and we could hardly get him persuaded at all.

Heard that Mrs Jacob Brown was struck with paralysis and was likely to die.



FEBRUARY.  
19—Wednesday.

It opened up a beautiful morning  
one of the finest in the season when  
sun shone all day and per pleasure  
snow disappearing very fast. Slipping  
almost none and that all gone away  
from the front of the Loun. down as far  
as the Central depot and Henry going  
on all up the first time (in a month)  
without interruptions.

Was busy all day writing up minutes  
of committees and minutes of course.  
I wrote a letter to a man in Bradford  
about a steam fire engine he asked me  
to do up.

Received a letter from Tarnock of  
the engine Co. letting me know they  
can furnish us with an engine for  
they cannot furnish us with one as they  
do not make it.

I suppose they will give them the  
best order for the matter.

No news of any importance today  
further than Mrs. Sarah Brown's  
death. She had fallen from the paralysis  
at all. She was an old woman about  
75 or 77 years of age. She is to be buried  
tomorrow afternoon at Sandhurst  
by the slope of the funeral  
statement of Wood the Treasurer for  
further news of any moment in the  
Globe.

Had the Mayor's meeting tonight.  
Our group gave us a very good address.  
He said he had had a hard time at  
London with the Hatten. The committee  
it appears that his reformist project  
Lafontaine is a miserably drunkard  
and they have turned him out as  
also another one of the same sort.  
It appears that Lord of London has a prejudice  
against Channing.



20—Thursday.

The weather still very beautiful and a clear sunshine all day the sun went down very clear and weather very pleasant the roads were very sloppy and water running in streams on the surface of the earth.

In the morning I was very busy with the Minute Books of the Committee and got the most of them packed up. In the afternoon I went to the funeral of old Mrs Brown there was a great concourse of people at the funeral I rode down with Mr. Eukins, poor old creature she was soon left down she had no much time to think of her father and Mr Brown will feel her loss sadly in fact he will be very lonesome. In she was a very crusty old creature and found of good living and no doubt very chthonic.

I was not very well today and did not go to the old fellows lecture to night as I felt not able to go my eyes were very sore and miserable.

I had another letter from Astorcas to night it was really very good and very conclusive on the Edward Stanley Embrother nothing could be clearer. It would seem as though Lord Robert his antagonist is no match for him.

The girls came up at 10 we stayed to night at a sort of party all were very much pleased with Mr. Brown he is such good company.

Our license business is creating a good deal of excitement and a good deal of feeling I don't think Conway is going to suffer himself much.



21—Friday.

To day it has been quite a change  
the wind during the night shifted round  
to the north east and has blown quite  
cold all day and thermometer at 10° above  
zero tonight with falling tendency.

No town business today nor any  
thing of that kind.  
The License Committee met today and  
state failed to settle the license and  
referred the whole matter back to the  
council. Capt. James Lusk the back  
gone sufficient to deny the license  
business he will not take responsibility  
in the matter.

In the evening we got the Globe  
and found quite a debate on the  
Register question John Sandford  
being quite crusty amongst them.  
The Lopez seemed to be opposed  
about the dismissal of Mr Hammond  
and there was some sharp shooting  
in the matter between Blake and he.

I was waited upon today by  
Mr Woodbridge who informed me that  
he had seen a man in Detroit who  
would be willing to undertake the  
teaching of the people and the leading  
of the Plymouth in the church for the  
sum of \$775 per year in money.  
I thought the matter over and then  
I got indignant at the idea of them  
trying to undermine me in that way  
however I said nothing we had a  
meeting meeting tonight and they were  
not alone but well but I thought  
of them and Woodbridge seemed  
very bad at the meeting.



22—Saturday.

So day the weather was intensely cold all day as far as in the morning and kept cold all day found still in North West. No police business today of any moment. Then was a warrant of commitment made out against Silas Williams and given to Patrick Daly and he started for Chatham with it.

First, a note to Mr. Sutton to day that he must pay his license and square up the whole matter.

There was a small house belonging to Washington Wilson burnt today. Then on the mess-galley property it was burnt about two o'clock.

I wrote a letter to Mr. Kemp resigning the leadership of Palmyra today. I was a little provoked to have John McDown come in and bother Helen about it and so I resigned because I believe that he and others are in the habit of bothering me which I will not submit to.

No sleep to night. Had the nation however and I found that Kungs are not doing on any smoothly in Washington. I saw by the telegraph today that Colman had ordered out a detachment of the War Office and detached General Thomas to take his place. Sold. Went up in consequence to 14<sup>th</sup>. Last night was sleeping up 3 points at one. Ships look equally in the United States. I should not wonder to see a fight there yet. Mr. Cameron was in tonight to see about my resignation. He thinks I did right.



During the night the wind veered more south, the east it was very cold nearly zero in the morning and then rose above the above all day about twelve o'clock a regular snow storm set in and still continues while I write but it does not do much good as it all blows in large wreaths the way again blocked up.

There were a good many in church this forenoon. Mr Kemp preached a very fair sermon on the conversion of St Paul it was a pretty good sermon and delivered with considerable force.

In the afternoon we had the Sabbath school and it was very thickly attended on account of the storm.

I read Dean Stanley's reflections on the count of the year chiefly provided upon the words "when the sons of man come shall be found faith on the earth." It is a very good piece especially directed against the idea of persons attempting to predict the exact time when the world shall come to an end or any thing of that sort. 1867 has passed away and not much thing has happened.

Mr Kemp preached on very thin Andrew's on the words "But be just the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." He wanted his audience to understand that there was no mysterious idea of righteousness it nearly meant rightness in contrast to wrongness.

I read Gladstone's article in Good Words on "Be honest" it is delightful to find just himself in the attitude of a person who is just looking at Christianity for the first time just as if he was standing on the sea shore of Galilee and listening to our Saviour's words. And then he passes in rapid review his miracles his parables and his Ministry and then applies all these to the author of Good Words. He shows that the author discards all tradition all everything that can be said for or against Christianity and just goes as I said before to the fountain head and beholds Christ as appeared upon earth and when he did



24—Monday.

To day the weather moderated off a little but still the wind is direct from the east and blowing raw. The way is full of mushy ice and it seems I have more effort in stopping the boats than any ice there has been this winter. The iron boat stopped in the run and had to be released by the Union.

I was busy all day in making a By Law that is a House By Law.

The signs were very irregular on the road today so that we had difficulty getting news from any section either from across the river or on this side.

There is a tremendous rumour as to whether President Johnson has appointed Adjutant General Thomas Secretary of War and Interior and the Senate ordered Stanton not to give way or give up the office. Stanton had General Thomas arrested on a warrant issued by Judge Carter and so the matter stands. The excitement is intense in Washington. Gold on Saturday went up to 43 1/8 and kept at that today so that it had quite a visible effect on the gold market. There was a vote in unparliamentary conduct under the consideration of Congress. Thompson looks equally.

Our own Parliament has given so it says the final vote to the same Constitution. There is much against its will. John Sandfield Green Master of the Situation at present and what may come out of the system of legislation he has introduced it is hard to say.

Read a splendid address of John Bright on Ireland it was really the most statesmanlike speech I have read for some time.

There was a session meeting to infer when my resignation of the Surgery was accepted and a Committee on Balmody appointed.



So far the weather was much the same as  
yesterday. We heard a lot of happiness and  
very little change. Many still full of mystery  
and very difficult in crossing the  
Union actually proceeded as the dock and  
it took all that the iron boat could do  
to get her off. There were lots of people  
in the city and the boats began to  
run with the year Western Railway.

I finished my lecture by last night  
for the night for the Council.  
I was busy all day today and  
we had a meeting of the Council to  
night where the business was passed  
and the letter was sent off from his  
lecture. A good deal of feeling was  
manifested at the time when being  
sent off.

The vote for impeachment of the President  
was passed last night at Washington  
affairs. There seems to be something  
very much what will be the end  
is it hard to say but from all  
appearances I should not be surprised  
if we were fighting before many days.  
The nation seems to be greatly agitated  
about the affair.

The Palmyra Committee agreed to  
go over across the river and to some  
man who would be willing to lead the  
singing and teach a class in music.  
I am under the impression that  
many people are at the bottom of the  
whole affair. Any better would send  
me away from the church as present.  
I have been severely treated in fact  
contemptibly treated in the whole matter.



Today the weather has just been cold enough not to freeze very hard and also not to thaw severely. Snowy heavy tonight. I was busy writing up my minutes today and getting some other matters of business. We let out the market today to Samuel Nutson at \$160 for the year, bookkeeping and he won the same so Sam Nutson advanced another ten dollars.

No news of any important mails all stopped no clothes for two days, by account of the stoppage of the Railroad between Toronto and Hamilton.

The crossing to the other side was effected today in a fair measure on the ice from Ferry dock to Ferry dock but the Union in the afternoon came along and destroyed it and let the ice down she went as far as Sandwich and dropped the ice into an anchor.

I read a speech today of John Bright on education. He wants the Govt to allow the middle class to educate themselves and provide an education for the lower orders of good reading and writing and arithmetic and then if any of the vulgar have talents they would soon use them if they counted to them that the school endowments of England had been laid hold of by a class who were thoroughly able to educate themselves.

I read a very good story in St Pauls Magazine tonight on the confessions of one Gosselt who was put out as an idiot by a ransome a scoundrel named St John who was taken by the Stationers. The whole turned out to be a complete farce. The fellow had deluded himself on the purpose of getting money out of his father as he had got into debt.



To day the weather was moderately cold and it snowed at intervals all day. We had quite a depth of snow this morning, tonight it is freezing slightly. The Essex Quaker traps today the snow passed down in front of the Ironboats dock and stuck there all day. The boats have made several trips today without incident. The trains assumed their regular course today we got a Toronto Mail. In the first issue since Monday night it appears as if we are an extraordinary snow storm at Toronto and East and West of there is a considerable distance. For three weeks today I have seen the Municipal Art Commission. The I. K. Smith art passed its third reading and several other acts were advanced a stage. It appears that the Parliament will be prorogued this week. It is said Joseph Howe has gone to England for Saturday to make a lecture. He has got a lucrative situation on a newspaper in London.

I was busy today in attending to my business in the office and I did some other business but not much. We had our singing meeting today and had a real good practice in fact the best we have had yet in my opinion. John McLean shows off a great advantage in singing. He is dressed up in great style and is very vain and anxious to be made of by the aristocracy.

Tom R. Spence died on Tuesday in Toronto. His wife is a fair officer in the Dominion. There we have a small number of Quakers here is a few persons the Premier and the head of the far aristocratic and Protestant party of England. Peter has a bad headache to night. Marya got a letter from Peter today saying she is due married at the end of March.



28—Friday.

So day the weather was good but indeed I know  
a little and did not thaw a bit. There is a  
great thickness of snow on the ground.

No Police Officers of any moment today  
as all men had been some shipping of clothes  
lines the night before last as also some  
working of the iron works.

I wrote part of a letter today on the  
Society's account but did not put it in it  
was perhaps too long but really we made  
the Society in this matter we can do.

In the afternoon we made an attempt  
to fix our men but the crossing was so  
uncertain that I did not go. We held a  
meeting of the Free Committee and authorized  
our Mayor to send for the Amoskeag  
Fire Engine.

There had been a very determined list to  
be Parliament against the little stage men  
they succeeded in getting the narrow gauge  
reported in the way and Bruce Railway  
by a close vote.

I had two articles to insert in the St  
Paul's Magazine the one was the Editor's  
in inaugural address the other was one  
on the Irish Church he is heavy against  
the Irish Church and showed that  
it would be a great deal better abolished.  
The whole article was well written.

It was said today that the Freemen  
are going against Samson & Thurman because  
of their vote against Altier and that they  
are going to be kept out at the Church  
door.

No other news of any moment  
that I hear of today.



To day the weather was fine all day and the sleighing was going pretty fast first moderate. Crossing the river was very difficult this day none of the usual ferry boats were running. We sent Mrs. & boys to land and a large number of wretches with her for two months. It seems too bad that a scandal like Frank Baby should go unpunished. One of the greatest villains ever heard of no crime in the calendar but what he has been guilty of.

At two o'clock Helen and I went to Colchester. She was anxious that I should not be in church tomorrow so that I would not be talked upon being. We went along very nicely and came out all right. We would have got down in about four hours if we had known the road well but did not and were often in amusements. However we got down about half past six all right. I had on hand a little gold but Helen stood in remarkably well.

Mr and Mrs Bell were astonished at our arrival. Mrs Bell was delighted and so was Lydia, Charles and Eliza had gone to Amherstburg. Charles was on his way to Hudson.

Every thing conversable was talked of by Mr Bell and myself. And Helen and Mrs Bell did not allow the time to pass by without improvement. We were much pleased with our visit and reception so thorough. We were our wants attended to and our visit apparent. Then was a very round the moon to supper.

Heard of a laughable affair of James Chayne and Miss Larkin and also Mack getting lost on the Colchester train. On their way to two oranges for Helen Chayne who was there sick.



1—Sunday.

A change of weather took place today it commenced snowing a little and sleet and kept on more or less that way until sundown then it came on one of the most tremendous snow storms we have had for many years late at night it was storming fearfully from the south we spent the forenoon with the old Mrs. Bell and started home about three o'clock then the weather was very good indeed and kept so until Joe turned the corner at the end of the Colchester road then a tremendous storm set in on us and of all the nights I ever rode in it never before stood in wonderfully well we went in and lodged at Duckett's and Biscana's Tavern but it is contemptible all these country taverns there is not one of them kept as they ought to be kept of us going into Duckett's parlor to warm ourselves. Which is abominable they we can only get the meanest kind of hot snowdrifts that we get in these places for anything when we started from Duckett's we rode along our way until we passed Rolffs Tavern coming into Warden then we got the full benefit of the storm coming across the river we got home about eight o'clock with a large party of us at my head but not much the horse for I am ride we found the people all up and pleased at our arrival better than a little fatigued but got along very well and so ended our journey to Colchester



To day the morning opened with one of the most fearful storms we have had cold and drifting great wreaths of snow and water intensely cold all day wind due North and at day break it was  $4^{\circ}$  below zero and the wind still falling.

When I could get up this morning I found every thing snowed up and after getting on the fire I went to work preparing my wood and in doing so I was chopping I struck my axe on a rope that hangs in the stable and gave myself one of the most fearful blows I ever suffered all my life the pole of the axe struck my head and it cracked up in to a great big swelling like an egg but fortunately I was not hurt. I kept on cold applications on it and I feel pretty well tonight thanks to a very kind Providence.

We had the sale of Boston today for Liberty Bells by the glass and was given ten dollars and with which he paid.

This was our license day only a few paid today I deposited \$100 with the Treasurer and then came home and saw my wood and did not go out again tonight.

I read the "Nation" tonight and found that it is highly probable that Johnson will be set aside and old Ben will put in his place. The change would not be much better in my opinion but still old Ben may do pretty well his ideas are sound on the Liberty question.

The Globe says that there was a number of bills assented to on Friday evening no other news of much importance.

Charles Bell was here here yesterday could not get home any well today it was so cold and the roads were beat down.



3—Tuesday.

So day the weather has been very cold and the thermometer stood so I understood 10° below zero and it was cold all day the wind from the north snow drifting in very drifting.

I was busy the most of the day sometimes in taking in money at other times in getting my assessment matters. There was an arrest this afternoon of Graham on perjury who is appears had sworn before a court in London that Charles Clark was his partner and not Robert Clark. Graham came up and was bailed out by Shelby and Erwin.

My wound on my head came down and lodged all in my eye this afternoon and began to get discolored & badly. My head is very painful and it is really wonderful how I have got over the matter so easily. But perhaps I am not so in. I often think in my private moments how little and how brittle is the thread of life here. I feel in my family how destitute in this sense they would be provided I was ~~from~~ called away to leave my family at present. But I must put my trust in that same Providence which has so wonderfully brought me up hitherto.

We had a party this evening of young ladies consisting of the Hursts two daughters and Miss Abington and Elsie Wagner late Miss Fisher. I had quite an interesting conversation with Miss Hurst about the value of England and her experience of the great ~~English~~ <sup>English</sup> drive of up Adams and such like. She saw several of them and then they had their possessions and their interests and all that.

My rum I am satisfied has been at the bottom of the whole movement about the Psalmody and will not apparently come down in the matter at all. Well perhaps it is trying my Christian patience a little but I will submit to it I trust.



To day the weather very beautiful but  
cold the thermometer last night was at 10° below  
zero so I was told.

To day all day we have been busy with  
the case of pupar. And we had Prince and  
become conductors the case. And my experience  
has been whenever we have lawyers conducting  
the business there we are longer about it.  
The gist of the evidence is this that Graham  
born at London that black the elder was  
his partner and now insists on it that  
he was. While the blacks swear positively  
that the younger black was the partner.  
The case is such that I don't think I would  
send it to a jury but I am not sure he  
adjourned the case until tomorrow morning.  
My eye is looking bad although my  
wound this evening is not so bad  
it has discoloured my eye all round  
and hurts very much. And I am  
not without apprehension that is my  
hurt me but I hope not.

Mr MacLennan came in this evening  
and stayed talking for three hours. He  
expressed very much interest in his trip  
to India and his getting home stayed for  
the night in a snow bank on the  
Malabar Road.

Our singing matters have not mended  
much yet and the more we talk of them  
the worse we get. Very little would make  
me show up the church altogether so I expect  
as I am the only things have been managed  
and the little thanks I get for them which  
of my all attention to the church.



5 - Thursday.

So day the weather changed greatly and became quite mild and began to rain at night and was quite soft.

We commenced our journey this day but could not proceed on account of the absence of the principal witness in the case. So it was adjourned until Saturday at one o'clock. I was very busy with John Wright at a Luncheon most of the forenoon and we issued summonses to a lot of people. I was annoyed at the case it coming all the way from Folkestone to be tried at Wenden.

My head is not painful I think it is getting better but my eye is very black and very much discoloured, all over the side of my head.

I did not go to the singing tonight on account of my eye looking so bad, and not wishing to appear among the ladies.

Our own singing matters I judge the church is going to have a greater hymn book. So I understand however I shall not go near the singing or interfere with them.

Parliament of Outlaws proposed yesterday and the Governor attended and took the bills.

I had a bit of "Rob Roy" to read to night. The book is a good old book and my Scotch friend very good and with white English very disagreeable. Miss Williams is sick or has a very cold.



To day the weather has been very bad  
a stormy day in 24 hours, the  
face of the earth as the sea it turns  
up the snow would be moved at the  
side sweep

No Police business today I  
was busy with Quarter Sessions  
Returns all day I sent the two cases  
to Mr. Small

I saw that Disraeli had made his  
explanation in the House and was  
taken to task by Mr. Bouverie that  
Lord Derby had no plan and that if  
he followed Lord Derby's course as a  
pattern then Disraeli would have no  
policy and Lord John Russell said  
they were in the House

The Senate of the United States organized  
yesterday as a high court of impeachment  
Chief Justice Chase presiding he took  
the oath and so did all the  
Senate

There was today a pertinent letter  
in the Globe to Mr. signed Wendell  
and the editorial commentary on the  
affair was very good in fact superb

In the evening there was a  
meeting of the Lord Mansfield for music  
practice tonight I did not hear how  
they got on all the committee was  
there

Jacques brother I am arrived  
home today from Oshawa he could  
not find the old fellow of a No  
any longer



MARCH.  
7—Saturday.

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We have had one of the most fearful times  
of rain that I ever saw only eight hours  
of steady rain with few intermissions.  
The snow almost has disappeared, and  
we see the face of nature once more.

We had the case of battery of the South  
Western Railway up before the Police Magistrate  
this forenoon for assaulting a man by the  
name of McLean some relation of the Earl  
of Chatham he was fined £2 & costs the  
old Dutchman was quite annoyed about  
the matter.

The case of Lyham was finished this  
afternoon and Graham was sent for trial  
at the London Assizes but he was bailed by  
Shilly and Brown in four hundred dollars  
cash, it was quite an interesting case and  
excited a great deal of curiosity on the part  
of the people of the town. The Court House  
was crowded.

The President's impeachment has been  
postponed until the 13<sup>th</sup> then and then  
to be removed with Henry as a sure and  
certain case as the Chief sitting in the  
Chair. The excitement has died away a  
good deal about it.

No news of any importance was  
informed by Mr. Goughall that the note  
against Mearns was paid yesterday  
and the note paid in the Sheriff's Court  
they heard.

There is not very much to report for a  
heavy cold.

My Richard I understand is sinking  
fast in consumption. No other news of  
any importance.



To day was one of the most beautiful of the season no such Sabbath in many a day, it had cleared up during the night and had a slight tendency to frost. I did not go to church to day it was on account of the black eye I have and people keep asking me questions about it. I read a remarkable paper on the London poor it is called "Much work for little pay" written by one William Billings in "Good Words" it should at least have some effect in calling the attention of the people of London to their poor.

I read a nice sketch by Rodgas in "Good Words" about Erasmus it showed what I mean. Erasmus before that Erasmus was an incorruptible beggar that he did not think it below his station to rely on the Royal bounty of Kings and Bishops.

I read also an article by Selay Muns on the downfall of Paganism in the time of Constantine the Great. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century it appears even in those days that Arian and Pelagian heresies were not unknown. Some of the old Fathers enunciated doctrines not unworthy of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Papacy gave allowed to conspire, publicly, but not privately, everything must be done openly. As they no rites of a ceremonial nature should be allowed.

Mr. McMurran was in in the afternoon we had quite a chat about every conceivable thing pertaining to Fenians and such like matters. There was no present this Sabbath Mr. James Barker sang.

The tide moved off this evening it is now moving down very slowly and the sun full from behind the hills. Allen was at Mr. Robinsons Church supper. Noble has a tremendous cold in his head to night.



9--Monday.

To day it has been mild and during the most of the day the ice is all out of the river today and the Army Post running as usual we had scarcely any Police business today two drunkards were convicted and I finished the Convention and also my return of Conventions so that I got early through.

I see by the papers this morning that there has been quite a debate in the British House of Commons on the Alabama question John Stuart Mill took the ground that the claims of United States ought to be paid. The United States authorities are busy getting ready for the impeachment of the President he is going to appear in person so it is said.

There seems to be some trouble in our Dominion. Yesterday it appears to stand half and half so that no business can be done and that no business can be ready for the meeting of the Dominion Parliament. I commenced a letter to Mr Kemp today on the P. Adams question in which I take ground against the action of the Committee and especially of the Session.

We had a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight in which the question of the tariff was discussed and referred to the Council of the Board. The Board began an adjourned meeting to be held on Thursday evening next.

Charles Bell came up from Colchester today and came up the back road and is staying all day.

I see by the Municipal Bill that County Attorneys are made ex-officio as commissioners so good by to Sam McQuinn in Municipal matters for he is one of the greatest resources our town has.



To day the weather was heavy all day and quite soft the mud was sitting bad and water standing at the corners of the streets. See running in the rain.

Our bay scalls broke down today and I had quite a job getting them right but after a bit I did get them right and in the afternoon I went across the river to get the weights but could not accomplish it however I got Rowley to come over and he did which he promised to do. I bought a little fish for Allie and brought some with me.

I rode at Richmond and packed the necessary things tomorrow with the market such as for May and Wood and then came home.

I have had one of my complaints to day in the shape of a headache and a slight sickness at the stomach.

The lessons commenced today at Southwick. My brother is foreman of the Grand Jury.

I finished my letter to Mr Kemp on Psalmody matters today and I read it to one or two people the chief part of it was concerned on buying the matter before a congregational meeting.

No news of any moment today the papers are buried the Springfield business is becoming stale and tedious.



So far the location was still left hand back  
in the morning a little threatening. On the 10th  
we had no case of any kind before the  
court today except we put the information  
of Mr. Conway before Baron obtaining possession  
false pretences against some man by the name  
of Burton

We had a very good meeting of the Board  
of Trade this afternoon, that is the Council  
of the Board of Trade, in which a report was  
made and the President to the meeting of the  
Board of Trade to propose a meeting

I sent my letter to George to the Revue tonight  
and afterwards I saw Mr. Revue and so I did  
not say anything about it. I told him there  
was no just in speaking to him about anything  
unless he had seen my letter. and I left him

We had the prayer meeting tonight and he asked  
me to sing and I did so and prayed as well  
but I did not feel very comfortable

No news of any importance. The Globe says  
the Ministers are not ready with any measures  
on account of the squabbling in the Cabinet  
and that the New Rail Road to Halifax  
will be postponed for a time

The New Dominion Magazine has some  
good stories in it. I read several in it to  
night. One about the adventures of a young  
lady who had been transported for horse stealing  
and who had disguised herself in boys' clothes  
and also about the adventures of Donald  
MacDougal as told by a student

Last Saturday a lady wife of the Bank  
presently sent with Louis but one of  
them has died and



So day the weather was quite soft  
 no appearance of a return to frost  
 and almost interminable mud and dreadful  
 frosts on the way home as it is said  
 no train to night therefore no more or  
 no clock

Our policy business today was  
 rather meagre I am glad to think that  
 our loyalty in that respect are rather  
 diminishing

At night we had a meeting of  
 the Board of Trade. We had considerable  
 discussion on the Silver Question we passed  
 a resolution recommending that the Govt  
 buy up the American Silver and giving them  
 things legal tender notes and exporting the silver  
 to England and that would do I think  
 in place of perhaps they could pay the  
 interest on their debt by silver and then  
 they would therefore get circulation  
 by that means

We had quite a large number of  
 persons hearing the people of the Club  
 being to night I made some of them quite  
 nervous over the matter they said she was  
 wrong over the affair

I had Mr. Kemp in this afternoon and  
 he and I had a long discussion about my  
 usage in the Society business however  
 I made out nothing new suffice it to  
 say that I am none the wiser who  
 was at the bottom of the affair and  
 so I left it in the way I found it  
 and I have now washed my hands  
 of the matter and leave it with the  
 Church to deal with it



To day it was quite soft the most of the day and kept dry Rayneall. The break up is complete and whole the frost is getting out of the ground fast.

We had the case of a timber trespass from Rochester before the Court today but there was no much evidence taken in fact the bottom of the case will drop out. About 1000 appeared for McCaffrey and Dunn and Solomon White for the Wrights. There was still no train from the East yet the road is washed away this side of Chatham and no train will run for several days. So it is said it appears from what I have heard that the water got dammed back several miles by a poping of the ice as a man by the name of Gago the miles this side of Chatham and came rushing up a lane on to the railway track and washed it away and as the water now stands they cannot touch it and they were obliged to send the passengers round by Larnia. The whole of Chatham north is under water and the bridges between the north and south sides of the river swept away. During Lord Stirling's speech on the Alabama question today it was an exceedingly clear and able exposition of the case and we were several of the other speeches. Colonel Stuart Mill was rather extreme on the American side of the case.

The people had them singing in the church to night and took away my supper bowls with the promise that they should be paid for. They reported me for suspect them but I denounced any such thing and so did not go but sent Rob Roy instead at home.



So do it inclined toward the  
 South and blew up heavy storms from  
 the West and thunder and lightning  
 had deal this evening

The Drunken Man was fined \$5  
 after the costs and all day the  
 rest of the day for 24 hours I made  
 out summons in proper and Mr.  
 Sells given up it seems very hard  
 that I should have to deal with those  
 cases in which we have nothing  
 whatever to do with all from other  
 townships

Our folks a number of them are sick  
 today. ~~John~~ Mena is quite ill with sore  
 throat and a dreadful headache. Alice  
 is in the same way a bad headache  
 but he is better this evening and  
 now he is quite ill and a heavy dose  
 on his breast this evening we have put  
 the best applications on his breast though  
 I understand from Mr. McKeown  
 that the church at Springfield is going to give  
 him a call and he has encouraged it  
 by writing to them today so he is said  
 to me it is evidently an excellent  
 feeling and considerable of a understanding  
 that the people be able for as he is such  
 a good speaker

No mail yet the break on the  
 road is not healed yet and no train  
 has passed over the road since Sunday  
 no store no nothing from the East  
 at all

My black eye has almost  
 assumed its original color now and  
 I am almost entirely recovered from  
 the shock



Another very beautiful Sabbath one of the  
finest in the season it is truly delightful  
to have such days after so long a winter.  
Mr Kemp preached pretty well in the morning  
from 33 verse of the 13<sup>th</sup> chap of Matthew "The Kingdom  
of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took  
and hid in three measures of meal to the whole  
was leavened." The sermon particularised quite a  
number of persons in the church some  $\frac{1}{4}$  leavened  
some half leavened and some  $\frac{3}{4}$  leavened. The  $\frac{3}{4}$   
leavened he was rather severe upon because they were  
sour in their dispositions and sometimes hindered  
the progress of the church. Some of them had bad  
practices in business, &c.

Mr Collins sings pretty well but his voice is  
not quite strong enough to deal with the elements  
of our church. But of course if they support  
him in his practice of music I see no  
reason why he should not get along very well.  
He seems about to give a young man like  
him \$175 a year for leading out music when  
I did it so long in nothing.  
In the afternoon we had a good Sabbath school  
I taught them a new tune "There's something  
in heaven to do."

In the evening we had Mr Kemp's promised  
sermon to young men we had quite a large  
congregation. He preached from the words of St  
John in his epistle "I write unto you young  
men because ye are strong" it was a pretty  
good sermon but I thought it was a little long  
and just however he gave them a few good wholesome  
truths and delivered them with a good deal  
of force. He was especially severe on the young  
men who putter away their time in bad  
miserable trashy novels, and talking in contemptible  
fashion. He was very happy I thought in that  
part of his sermon.  
Mr McQueen took Barbara across the  
river tonight to hear Dr Hoag's



MARCH.  
16—Monday.

So day the weather was very warm and humid and we had thunder lightning and rain at intervals during the day.  
So day there was nothing before the shore could

The Railway commenced running today and quite a number of trains came in of the blue line and the passenger trains commenced their regular trips.

The new Steamboat "Gore" that is to run in the Porto place went down on her trial trip yesterday and came up this afternoon but did not go down again on account of the ice running heavy in the way tonight. Mr. Pattillo informed me that there was no ice of any moment as far as they could see in the lake.

The stores all came in tonight for four days nothing of importance in Parkman unless it be the receipt of the Treasurer.

I received a letter from Mr. Bell enclosing Stamp money that is \$7. in American money and \$2. I had also turned into stamps for him, which I did. As Mr. Bell in the Bank has the distribution of the stamps now and here my getting them wrote a note to Mr. Bell tonight and enclosed the stamps.

We had a meeting of the Council tonight at which nothing was done but the passing of a few accounts. Jones was quite drunk and talked like a Jackass then at the meeting.

Mr. Cameron had discharged Johnston his clerk he told me tonight that they must have lost about \$5000 by him which was saying a good deal he did by going on measure and that way.



17—Tuesday.

So day we have had a tremendous wind all day there was a heavy rain storm during the night and tonight the wind is blowing from the west and threatens frost.

We had a house full of miserable wretches to day and we fined them and sent some to jail and others we let go on payment of fine. I made out levations and all at the time and Carson signed them. I intend to do that at this time and see what effect it will have on my work at the end of the Quarter.

I was busy in the afternoon with school matters in getting accounts ready.

Poor old Hans at Sandwich was beaten and robbed last night and \$10 stolen from him by three Wapishnegroes one of whom was Calvin Lewis. He was apprehended and taken to Sandwich tonight.

In the Globe gives an account of a very severe hurricane that had occurred in Toronto yesterday. Knocking down and blowing away the main timber. The storm was really fearful.

Parliamentary business yesterday is present except the Intercolonial Railway and differences in the Cabinet.

Mrs Harding an old drunken woman died suddenly today she was a daughter of old Mrs Allen.

I dug in the garden tonight and divided my Rhubarb by cutting the roots in two.

The Naval Committee were busy tonight in getting subscriptions but did not succeed very well so I understood except with their own names.

St Patrick's day was celebrated today by a Syrian March in Detroit among whom was sometimes Henry Flourishing as a Lieutenant.

Globe's correspondent predicts the defeat of Israeli before Easter today.



To day the weather was fine all day a little frost in the morning.

We had not much business at the Police Court today.

I got my statement of the school account as also the school report and all complete and mailed them today to the Chief Superintendent. I wrote a pretty extensive letter to the Chief Superintendent on the schools and examining, and giving my opinion on having local superintendents except a first class teacher.

In the evening I went across the river to hear Henry Bennett of Brownell and a tale that is was of a little man bordering I should think on sixty years of age with long grey hair and grey beard and mustaches. He had not a cable in a long time before him his whole effort was to extirpate the command by telling us of the that he was about to do. Thus the story of a real life man of indomitable perseverance, great courage, and good moral character. He told us of his birth his growing up as a farmer, being early left an orphan and therefore the management of affairs early fell on him and then at twenty he started to London and on the ship coach and well he told his story of the coachman and also of his travels through the world and going to his friend in London. Bennett and named his daughter in. I never heard anything superior as a lecturer. He was very humorous and all true. His manner was simple. The audience was really marvellous in fact it was grand beyond all the efforts of any lecturer can be heard in that hall. And I heard Charles Sumner and Everett there too. He spoke with great force and his action was really as good as the best of speech. But in the action of the man the action of the



So dear the weather was much colder  
than it has been used north and during a  
little ice in the river

We had quite a lot of descendings today and  
found a lot of them and sent one boy to catch  
In the afternoon we took up two little fellows  
who (black) who had robbed the Satchel of  
a stranger boy from Rochester New York State  
one of the boys admitted to have kept a maul  
of the worst description. I am sure  
that they were at that he was sent  
to jail for three months and the little  
fellow for one month

I was busy the balance of the day writing  
up a letter to my dear  
In the evening Helen and I went  
to Mrs. Batty's often and we met Mr.  
Burrill and also Mrs. Burrill and  
and Mrs. Lull. We passed a very pleasant  
evening indeed.

For that reason I could not  
go to the Blue Club this night. Barbara  
had a very bad cold and really should  
not have gone to the club.

Parliamentary business not much  
worth the looking at in fact not worth  
reading about.

The only thing the papers  
are full of is respect and railway  
badges in every way all over the  
country. A fearful plague at Belleville  
doing great damage so it seems  
moving on at Amherst  
and Sandwich. It seems to be  
a fearful number of descendings  
abroad.



MARCH.  
20—Friday.

So say the weather was quite cold all day  
and at night a regular snow storm commenced  
we were busy engaged all day in  
the bright case in the forenoon we came  
and made our arrangements for some of  
them witnesses in the afternoon all heard  
the case and the evidence as yet  
has entirely failed in establishing their  
case from what says for the one  
that they are not the parties that cut  
the timber that it was the McCulloch  
or Clumey that did it. Now the one  
that is accused it does seem unfortunate  
that the any employee of the Town of Windsor  
should be employed in a case involving  
police work but such is the way of the  
world I have done more than the  
dollar worth of writing in the case.

In the evening we had a visit from  
Mr. Mr. Brown. We sat and talked on  
every thing conceivable from church history  
and all other matters of that kind.

Our people are not well Barbara  
is not well she has a severe cold and  
a continued cough but we are making  
her adopt the water cure and adding  
down any inflammation in the breast as  
much as possible.

I am not in a very comfortable  
position with regard to the church at present  
Miss Weston likes church nor minister  
nor does she care for going I wish they that  
my own feeling in this matter is very  
much dampened and I could change  
my position or church very easily were  
I comfortably situated otherwise.



21—Saturday.

Today the weather was quite cold and  
fuzzy in the shade all day.  
We had no other business of any  
moment today.

In the afternoon I went  
across the river to see after some special  
books but they were not done so I had  
to come back again.

There is no news of any  
importance in the papers this talk about  
the impeachment of President Johnson  
has got on and from all appearances he  
will be impeached and old Ben Wade will  
be the President for one year. They are  
arranging his cabinet already. They are going  
to make Zac Chandler his Secretary of the  
Treasury and then the Democrats are  
talking of nominating Chief Justice Chase  
at least the Radical Republicans are  
putting this in their mouths. I have  
seen the order of the day in  
religious matters.

The Parliament appear to do nothing  
of any moment except a few unimportant  
measures of little or no value.

My letter came out in the paper  
today but it was not of much moment  
it was much a fling at the Communism  
and I cannot describe it as all  
our folks are not well yet and  
they are all bad with bad colds better  
have one himself to suffer.



So day it has been a beautiful day all day ran head but wind underneath

Went to the Colored Sunday School in the morning

Mr Kemp gave us a sermon on faith it was pretty good but somewhat mysterious indeed it is the fault of all his discourses that they want directness and

In the afternoon we had a fair Sabbath School

I read a paper from Dean Alfred on the Sabbath. The subjects in which he gives up the Pauline Anathema and accuses it of being an eloquent villain.

In this he is combated by William Alexander in his cyclopedia. I also read a sketch of the life of the Rev Mr. Bushington

In the evening Mr Kemp gave us his lecture on Urush on Retractions from the text "Let all things be done decently and in order" I cannot say that I am much impressed with his manner of treating the subject his exposure of the managers of the Retractions was very successful but then this thing at our own church was in bad taste in my opinion and only serves to open offence when more and he given I am afraid we are not turning at present as a congregation

The singing in the forenoon today was witnessed in the evening the first sent a number of the singers to get in at the front and did better than some a voluntary during the time of the singing of the offering which in my opinion was poorly done and a poor trade



23--Monday.

Say the weather has been pretty good but cold the ice in the river was running quite heavy all day.

The roads especially the front streets are in a very bad road at present mud mud mud.

The news is not much today. I understand the President is going to appear today and put in his reply to the charges of the impeachment committee.

I heard tonight that poor old Reddick is dead at Sandwich. He has been failing for a long time. We did not have anything of any moment today at the Police Court.

It is said a good deal of dissatisfaction exists in the cabinet at Ottawa and that they are going to relieve Mr William Macdougall from the Collectorship of the City of Toronto this week or rather an ignominious termination to Mr Macdougall as a statesman whose arms will be the premiership of the Dominion.

We had a meeting of the Session tonight to settle the Salmoey question. I gave the Session my opinion on the question very fully and very fully. I began by stating that I had resigned in order that the Church might have an opportunity of investigating the difficulty between the parties that were displeased with my saying and me. But instead of that what was the result a sort of resolution of thanks was voted to me but my resignation was not accepted. Then Mr Woodbridge the chief of the Malcontents was put upon the Committee and Mr Woodbridge had his whole ideas carried, and all that would be necessary when any party in a Church was obnoxious to another. It would be to make a fuss and then his views would be adopted. Mr Woodbridge would be laughing in his sleeve how easily he got rid of me all in a small space merely for him to take hold and he would shut any man they wanted. I was pretty determined at first as there were only four elders present and as Mr Sharp would not decide in favour and I would not vote and allowed the matter to drop so that the congregation will not have the opportunity of hearing anything about it.



Still very cold Wind from the East  
people all inclined to have colds roads drying  
up slowly all along.

To day we had Richard Mason up, as one  
of the men that robbed a Postman by the name  
of Clark who is a clerk in the store of Campbell  
and Lynn Detroit. The Lordship of a Postman  
is appears was hunting after bad poorn down  
in the dens among the negroes. And he therefore  
deserves all he got at the hands of the party.  
There was no other matter before the Police  
Court of any moment today.

See by the Parliamentary proceedings that  
to-day. And the R. O. C. discussion came up  
again and that Colonel MacDonnell agreed  
to have the correspondence relating to the  
assassination of which will no doubt be very  
unsatisfactory to the Government of  
Canada. John & Mr. Rennie had a talk on the case.

Mr. MacDonnell came in and gave me  
an account of his visit to St. Louis. He is very  
well pleased with the people and the place.  
They are exceedingly sorry to make him very  
inconvenient and will doubtless be kind to him.  
He seems great the idea of going away is  
will be a hard job for him to pick up sticks  
and quite this place.

He seems to regret the more that we  
have got into with our church. I have paid  
them off however and said my say and  
am done with it.

I am all in a doubt as to whether  
I should build a library and have the kitchen  
case as also the house I am a little in doubt  
what it would cost and still I am anxious  
to have it done.



To day the weather was extremely cold the  
entire day in fact I have felt quite chilly  
all day.

I am at present myself bothered  
a good deal with Constipation and I am  
not sure what I ought to do in the matter.

Our Town Business today was light  
and we have much to do. That distasteful  
affair against Dick Mason in fact the  
distasteful is afraid of his character and  
will doubtless try and squirm out of  
the matter if he can.

I read a speech to day by the Right Hon  
Mr Goschen on the Municipal Corporation  
Bill England in which he shows that notwithstanding  
the improvements around in and about  
London the local taxes will be enormous  
and it will almost be impossible to raise  
all the taxes they require. He showed  
another thing he showed that all the smaller  
as well as the larger towns in England are  
going fearfully in debt which is really a  
very foolish thing to do under such circumstances  
as they were then in.

Went to prayer meeting and sang & sang  
Mr Kemp read Messianic intelligence which  
was very interesting. Then we had the  
Messianic report after the meeting which  
showed us as having money on hand  
to the extent of £38 which is a good deal in  
the time we have been at it and  
I think we shall be able by the method  
adopted to get a good Messianic collection  
for the year.

After prayer is over I am going to the  
the able to speak so freely to Mr Kemp  
as I do and act towards him in  
the manner I do. But I think such a  
plan the best way ~~altogether~~ altogether.



The wind still East and dry and cold  
frost during the night and cold all day  
Roads dried up wonderfully. In morning a  
little in the sun navigation spent at the  
Kewen sheland and Leds.

We had no case this day before the Police  
court. John went to Sandbank in the  
<sup>after</sup> forenoon to Richard Mason but the man  
from Detroit did not make his appearance.  
He is afraid of the disgrace of such a thing that  
is of having it come out that he was in a bad  
space.

I suppose from appearances that there will be  
a great stir in the Irish Church case before  
the British Parliament on account of the  
Belfast Resolutions coming up at the end of  
this month. I got St Pauls Magazine this  
forenoon and an article in it "Our Programme  
for the Liberal Party". In which the education of  
the people was one of the items in the programme.  
It seems strange that such a thing should need  
any defence yet it would appear that so great  
is the ignorance in England that millions of  
its people are unable to read and write while  
not one in Scotland that attains the age of  
manhood in that country but who can  
read and write. The Church seems to be the great  
stumbling block in the way of the education  
of the people. They teach dogmatic theology  
the taught which is one of those absurdities  
that cling to institutions in which there is  
vested rights and the bishops and clergy being  
afraid of their powers don't wish to let the people have  
any light unless it ~~shines~~ shines through the proper  
body of Church Catechism.

The Globe had two articles tonight of a Christian  
tendency namely one on Servant of sinners and another  
on destitute women, both of which were good.

Our Glee Club practice was good tonight but  
we did not succeed so well as we ought in the  
chorus.



Today the weather was still hot and wind from the East. The roads nearly all dried up and becoming quite passable.

We had no case before the Police Court in the forenoon. But in the afternoon we sent a man named Baskin for stealing some pork from a man named Loun. But he was sent for one month. We finished the first night and we held a case and sent both parties for trial in the our organization from the night says they are a desperate lot of fellows and had actually threatened to do bodily injury to his witnesses.

Then had been quite a row between Jones and the Babes and he had them taken up for disturbing him and threatening him.

No news of any moment today with the exception that when the morning train was coming in today the engine ran off the track and was very near getting into the river. They have commenced building up Chaters place again. The stable is getting along very well and the cellar of the big house is all dug out.

I read a very good article tonight in Saint Paul's Magazine called "Progress" by Bayard Rustin. It is an attack on Ruskin and Carlyle, two of the great lights of modern culture who take an exceedingly dark view of modern civilization. The author's idea is that we want strength and Ruskin that we want virtue from both of such persons. The writer of the article assents. He says there is more sympathy now than formerly and gives a very fine apostrophe to the sympathy. Education he wants a good and he is very savage on the flood of light trash of literature we have and thinks that on account of the liberality of this age more blockheads are allowed to make fools of themselves by writing books. He concludes by a very good denunciation of modern Christianity.



To day the weather was very beautiful all day  
Clear and Sun Shiny and wind quiet

Our Police business has been very extensive  
to day we had three cases of drunkenness  
and all were convicted. One of them sent  
to the other two ran a time.

The two babies were bound over to the  
the Peace and he of good behaviour toward  
young girls and then they brought up  
cases for violation of Public Morals by law  
undressed themselves thereon.

I made out all the convictions as also  
the recognizances of witnesses and bail in  
the Wright, Mc Gillis and Lunn case.

In the afternoon we had the case of  
a woman of doubtful reputation from Detroit who  
had come over here tipsy and gone in the lobby of  
the Union Steamer Ferry boat and then took  
hands for her into a room on the Union and violated  
her person according to her own account and then  
took from her person some \$35 or 40 dollars in United  
States currency. Poor creature seems like really a beautiful  
girl and is a pity to see the of her apparently good  
disposition following such practices. The man or  
rather one of them was released until Thursday.

I read this evening a very good speech  
of Mr. Roseman on the Irish question and  
had one or rather half of one by the Lower in  
opposition to that. I read the "Nation" on the bandwagons  
and Drew was about the Erie road and  
from appearance bandwagons has got his  
match in Drew this time and from what  
the Nation says Drew will apparently  
control the Legislature of New Jersey as well  
as New York.

Mr. Douglas spoke to me today about  
being Secretary of the Board of Trade in place  
of Blackader and he said Blackader is afraid his  
life with the old Negro.



A very beautiful day and the which exhilarates  
us very much hear and sunshiny all day  
I went to the coloured Sabbath School  
in the morning and went to church in the  
forenoon. Mr. Rapp preached from words Peter  
denial, and it was a very good sermon indeed  
he especially brought out the traits in Peter's  
character his boldness and self confidence and  
and then how easy a prey he fell to temptation  
when his faith was tried. The singing was  
not just what in the morning and when  
the women did not go forward to assist them.

In the afternoon I attended Sabbath  
School and a very good school we had. I  
am going to propose a few tracts to put  
another library. Helen says she will give one.  
I had a visit by Mr. Gilbert in "Good Words"  
which he made to Pastor Humbert's asylum in  
Germany where they cure people by the aid of  
prayer and it appears to be a remarkable  
establishment and some remarkable cures  
are really made at. I had a little further  
about the declining influence of the pulpit  
as by Professor Caird of Glasgow University  
poor old Dr. David Brewster is dead some five  
or six weeks ago.

Just the evening we had Mr. Duncan formerly  
of Perth preaching to us he gave us a good  
sermon from the words of Christ "Lay  
the don" A very good sermon indeed. I  
see he is becoming thoroughly Anglicanized  
and I don't think he can ever be put  
back again into the Canadian Church he  
told me that the place he lives in is becoming  
very large and that about five hundred new  
houses are going up there this season.

Helen has to make some down with  
with Henry Richards who is now expected back  
last long. He is dying in consumption.  
Helen is very much at the folks for going and  
assisting the singing especially James and William's  
folk.



Today the weather was very warm and  
 more like a summer day in fact  
 no serious business of any moment  
 today. On the tapis

As usual busy getting my By Laws ready  
 for to night's meeting of the banquet we  
 but did did a good deal of business  
 in fact we were at it for a long time  
 a late hour dark half after six  
 we passed a By Law and a  
 Public Morals By Law and we made  
 a very successful round supper which  
 will be a great improvement on last year

There was quite a discussion took place  
 on the removal of Richmond's license from  
 Army Street to Missi Reliance house next  
 to Curran & Thompson Curran was  
 very worthy as the justification of the council  
 in the matter Forbes had changed ground  
 but is transparent that only the license  
 inspectors could legally transfer the license  
 and so the whole matter came upon me  
 however I shall soon do it I will change  
 the license and leave Frank Curran  
 to wrestle with himself.

Since came home from Mrs Richards  
 Mrs Richards is getting worse and worse he  
 will soon we think depart this life  
 in fact the doctor says he will in all  
 probability soon choke as he is so weak  
 and unable to move.

The Supperment trial commenced to  
 day but the argument  
 and was left speaking at the time  
 the supper left so it is not clear

No news of any moment on  
 our own side James Bell came  
 up this evening from Clinton to stay  
 in Warden with me. The murder



31—Tuesday.

To day the weather was very warm  
 as a rule in fact like summer. The  
 Spring I am afraid will advance so far  
 as to start the birds today except that  
 I had some snow in Poughkeepsie  
 and started him on his business. And  
 he went to work and swept the street clear  
 of the snow. I went to work wrote up my  
 minutes and got them all written up  
 and my documents filed.

My Richards died this afternoon  
 about four o'clock. When he died  
 and they sent for me and I went down  
 to try and help them in their arrangements.  
 I was glad to do anything I could  
 for Mrs Richards. She needs our help as  
 much as possible poor thing under the  
 circumstances. It is said he was not very  
 kindly disposed towards her when she was young  
 and I am now some the length of saying  
 that he had struck her <sup>very hard</sup> tomorrow to Toronto  
 in a copy of "Good Words" for 1867 and some  
 other matters.

I had a part of the Debate on the Irish  
 Church tonight in fact on the Irish Question  
 altogether. The Question was well opened by  
 Mr. Lane and put with a good deal of  
 force and eloquence in his own peculiar  
 way. But after a careful perusal as  
 to both of the speeches of Horsman and  
 Mr. Lane I am afraid that the Irish after  
 all are an impracticable kind of people  
 whose touch seems to spoil anything they  
 take a hold of.



Today the weather was threatening and I thought we were to have a good deal of rain but none of any moment came in fact it chopped around to the north and blew real cold.

We had a run amongst the servants of the wooden castle today when there had been some pistol pointing and tearing of hair and flushing of water around the case was adjourned until tomorrow at Lee's clock.

I wrote the true copy of Round Bay Lane today and had it signed by my brother-in-law had the whole of which they he would cash but in fact he promises to let them out as soon as paper comes.

Mr. McLaren came in this afternoon and we had quite a chat on state churches and other such matters. He does seem a little old fashioned in some of his ideas.

We had quite a meeting in the church tonight in our hunting our sinners such as stupid and debt. I took the chair at first and gave out a Psalm.

Then James prayed then we had read the 35 chapter of Exodus with regard to the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness and about the voluntary offerings of the people and how they should be willing to bring the offerings to God willingly. Then after a good deal of talk and Mr. Cameron had made his statement a resolution was passed in liquidating the debt then the subscription list was put into and nearly \$400 was subscribed on the spot and a very good spirit was manifested at the meeting. After was done all day at Mrs. Richard's preparing matters for the funeral.



2 - Thursday.

To day there was quite a change and a frost in the morning and wind north all day and blowing hard and dust very bad.

We had the disgusting case of the bad woman on the Union Band a miserable case it was. It was then adjourned until Saturday. The Windsor Bath Grounds case was up and the woman was fined 20 cents and costs which amounted in all to \$3.30.

It was the crazy creature shaking at Wotton.

In the afternoon we were at the funeral of Henry Richards. The Masons turned out in large force and had a band from Detroit which played the dead march in Laul, and they went up to the church and then we went to Sandwich it was very slow moving however we got down all right. I helped the old people out and into their carriages.

Mrs Richards felt very bad evidently and so did the brothers and the old man. The Masonic Ceremony was long and our friend Alfred Kennedy read it with great effect as if he had studied the matter. Forbes, Frieson and the others of the Mason strong men were shedding tears freely. Some were all right.

In the evening I did not go to the Club. Barbara went but I stayed at home and had the Irish debate on the British Parliament. Some many speak was good but Lowe was really just. But he did not agree with the Bill on the Irish question but on the Church they were agreed. I think the Irish Church is doomed beyond a doubt and no new appointments to Church living will be made. I think that is clear.



APRIL.  
3—Friday.

It has been quite cold and miserable today. All day and snowed occasionally. To day we had very many of any moment <sup>beginning the</sup> Latin course.

I made out some matters of my laws and other things.

No news of any moment. The Parliament at Ottawa are doing very little. Mr. Cartier has introduced a bill that is remodelling our Militia and says that he only allows officers fifty cents per day the same as the men.

Then at the British Parliament we have a tremendous debate in the British Parliament on the Irish church question. On resolutions introduced by Mr. Gladstone on the Irish church that the present Parliament should declare at once that no more appointments should be made in the Irish church it is expected that Mr. Gladstone will be defeated tonight so says the Telegraph.

We had a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight and we elected all the old officers excepting Messrs. who is scarcely ever present. I was elected. One of the members of the Board of Trade we have got a good deal of credit ~~for~~ by the resolutions passed by our Board of Trade.

It is said Graham is taken down on the other side of the river with heart disease and cannot go to London to stand his trial, on the piracy case. Some say he is poisoning himself so I do not know.



4—Saturday.

To day it snowed the whole day until night when it cleared up a little and went to freeze and froze quite hard the snow was cramping amongst our feet.

This morning the Telegraphic Report in the papers told us the joyful tidings that Israel's foot had been defeated and a by a majority of 60 on the Irish Church Question. The scene was the wildest excitement I ever heard of. My friend Gibson a good deal about and he felt & think a good deal annoyed by the fact that we had a case of Larceny & day around by whiskey & stole a few mounds while he was drunk from the door of St. John's and ran away with them but he sent him two months to jail.

The Union affair was advanced a stage but no additional <sup>progress</sup> of any moment was got.

I had rather an interesting debate in the department arrangements at Ottawa and then I read some excellent articles among the Nations articles one of them the Editor of "The World" says Ward Parker would be doing more than a great deal of it but he says there are some good reading in it indeed better than we ever find it.

I had a good deal additional debate on the Irish question in the British Parliament every day that I read these debates I am immensely pleased with the fine style of speaking no attempt at rhetoric nor display but matter of fact runs through the whole discussion and principles are enumerated and defended with a good deal of force.

A foolish article appeared in the Forum about Moffat the Minister and preaching at Sandwich it was written by Edwin I am almost certain



A very heavy frost this morning in fact I understand that it was only a little above zero say  $5^{\circ}$  or  $6^{\circ}$  above.

I went to Loloana School this morning and we had a fair school. I there saw a good few scholars present.

Dr. Mc Laren preached for us today in the absence of Mr. Kemp he gave us a good sermon in the morning on the use of the Moral Law and its not being abrogated by the introduction of Christianity, as large supposes it to have been there ever then pointing out which he offered a few objections such as Antinomians, Pelagians, perfectionists, and Unitarians these he singled out and handled them well. In the afternoon Sabbath School we had a pretty good school I talked to them a little.

In the afternoon I looked into the commentary of Matthew Henry on the 18<sup>th</sup> chap of Matthew. In the evening we had a good sermon again from Dr. Mc Laren on the words of Matthew 27<sup>th</sup> ch 2<sup>nd</sup> verse "Why, what evil hath he done?" But he turned the words into the shape which suited the theme of his discourse "Why, what evil hath he done?" That is Christianity he gave us an excellent sermon and one calculated to make an impression. What evil hath he done was well put. He gave us two death bed scenes one a good Christian and another a man that died unrepentant. The subject was well put in fact very interesting.



To day the weather was milder but it was  
very cold and the frost in the morning was  
heavy. To night the weather was cloudy and looks  
as though it might snow or rain.

We had one case of drunkenness to day and we  
sent the fellow to jail. He being an old offender  
I then got a young New-Yorker sent to  
Montreal by land trunk he had been a prisoner  
on 40 or 50 times.

I pushed my public morals by law to day  
and had it signed, and sealed and I compared  
it with the one Laugel printed.

It is said by the public press that the  
British Ministry are not going to resign unless  
Mr Gladstone comes by majority after the  
holidays but that I take it to be nonsense  
that it is impossible to continue in office  
unless they agree to dissolve and if they  
resign Mr Gladstone must be sent for undoubtedly  
and if he succeeds in forming a Ministry  
then he will be apt to form a strong one  
indeed.

In our own Parliament the only  
thing that they are doing is the tinkering of  
the Finance such as making Insurance Companies  
take or invest in Dominion Stock and passing  
bills and passing a law compelling banks to  
take their bills. I abominate the tinkering up  
of matters in this way. I believe our Government  
is a humbug unless we can use our Finance  
without threats of dissolution from New  
Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

I read Bright's magnificent speech to night  
on Irish Land Tenancy. I take it that he makes  
a very moderate speech and a very practical

To day the people of Quebec  
voted on a new constitution for giving the  
black man a vote.



So day the weather was cold all day and dry wind from north west clear and frosty & bright.

As for business today the Union case was dismissed for want of evidence.

Mr. Cairnes and I went into the accounts today and Whyte came up and we went into them and separated the expenditure of 1866 from 1867, and also made the notes appear right. I think before long we shall get the whole matter right so that the people can understand the whole affair.

In the forenoon the astonishing tidings came by telegraph that the Honorable George Brown had been assassinated at Ottawa this morning about two o'clock after leaving the House of Parliament by some unknown man. The ball passed through his head and he fell dead on the steps just the door of his boarding house. No one was seen at the time it was a clear moonlight morning. Some have been arrested on suspicion but why it is impossible to say. On account of the certainty of the news the Government has offered \$1000 and Ontario and Quebec each \$2500 making ~~one~~ in all \$10000 reward.

It is a very large reward and may have the desired effect in getting out the murderer. Some say it is terrorism. If so it has added one more to the engine it has already perpetrated.

The Methodist Re Union came off to night for which I accepted tickets from the committee. It passed off very well the singing was not quite so good as it might have been. I saw Rogers bore failed him in the solos. Edith McBrae also in fact the club did not do itself justice. A Mrs. Brown gave a splendid address. In April she and the

book. Got two copies of "Exeter Hall" Musical Magazine to be sent day by two by me from Toronto.



8—Wednesday.

To day the weather was exceedingly cold quite a shower of snow in the night and this morning it was about as usual with a very boisterous wind from the northwest all day and here very cold indeed gardening is now quite a stand still.

Phyllis and I were busy all day at the school but we could not make them talk by some means or other and thus we left them.

The Globe tonight has been entirely taken up with the story of the assassination of Sumner. It has been the victim of plots and plans of Hellens. Some days ago from New York a man by the name of Whelan has been arrested with a Ly shooter hidden on his person. And one of the chambers had recently been discharged so that circumstances look strongly in that way and he may be the man. Great eulogies were passed on him by several of the leading members of the House. They are going to make his family a charge upon the country so says John A.

The people of Michigan have again been the victim of the bold and mean his rights and voted down their constitution in all its provisions so the world goes not much encouragement in the cause of Liberty, when right principles are thus rejected by the agents of Bonaparte.

I had to take the prayer meeting to improve the affairs of the church, my time was there.



APRIL.  
9—Thursday.

To day the weather was very cold indeed and wind West.

Walter and I got through our accounts this afternoon after a hard tussle it was very wearisome to me and was quite unwell all day had a bad headache in the morning and it stuck to me throughout the day.

Mr. Mr. Nelson came in in the afternoon and we had a good talk with him he is full of his jokes as usual he told me that he had not lost much lumber by the Pasha he thought \$500 would cover the loss.

Mr. Kemp came in from Chicago today pleased with his trip so he said.

The assessors returned their Roll into my hands today according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

The Globe to day has a long account of the efforts to find out the murderer of Mrs. Su. They have arrested a man by the name of Whelan who seems in all probability to have been the man that shot Mrs. Su. A pistol was found on him who had had one of its chambers recently discharged and in fact all the circumstances connected with the conduct of Whelan strongly point to his being the man the police are spending no pains in using every means within their reach to find out the murderer.

I went to the Ice Club tonight and had a very good practice. A new pace called the Month of May was practiced.

No other news of any importance further than that Rodolph Munchson had received a letter from Dr. Livingston stating that the traveler is alive and well and will soon be home to England. This is good news from Edward a man and well that his life has been preserved.



Today being Good Friday it was held as a holiday by a general cessation from business. The day was fine throughout although it was pretty cold and wind from the east most of the day.

I went across the River in the morning with Mr McRellan and Mr McIlwain, we went just to see some friends of Mr Kellogg a Mr Williams who is sister-in-law to Dr McLaren we saw the Dr and we all had a very fine friendly talk and Mr McRellan showed of Ealedonia in New York we then went into the Young Men's Hall Reading Room and Library and from there we went to the High School to see the Public Library and then we had an interview with the Teacher Professor Cheyney then we came home.

In the afternoon I went to gardening and fixed my garden fence and pruned some current bushes but they are very old and very rotten in some of their branches.

Mr Henry Richards went away to Chatham tonight with his Mother to be away for some time.

Mr McRicken is to give a Lecture on practical things for practical purposes and for a practical and benevolent end. So he says in a very large handbook which he has put out. Bushman is the Chairman of the Lecturing Committee and this is to pay the President.

The Globe still points out strongly from its Ottawa correspondent that Whelan is the man that murdered Mr Lee and it is also said and surmised that a plot has been discovered to blow up the Parliament Buildings with Nitro Glycerine a fearful explosive substance. The Fenian Organisation appears to be a serious set of rascals in fact. Friends



Today it has changed and it commenced  
 rain and shut in the forenoon then  
 it cleared up a little and this evening it  
 is raining heavy again while I am writing  
 I made out all the debentures & day for  
 the fire engine and sealed them it took  
 me as long as I could be all day

I saw by the papers today that some  
 of the arrested <sup>men</sup> made at Ottawa have turned  
 Queen's evidence and told the whole story but  
 whether it is true or not remains to be seen  
 the Globe says nothing about the story  
 but says the detectives are very vigilant

The "Nation" has an excellent article on  
 the debt of European Governments now appears  
 that capitalists are going to button up their  
 pockets and not loan any more money  
 to Governments who are merely who are merely  
 spending it to cut peoples throats or mounting  
 engines of destruction and thus wasting  
 the very means that they are loaning them  
 as also their ability to pay

Another article on the impeachment  
 and the wild stuff that such papers as  
 the New York Tribune and Independent speak  
 about it as also the foolish nonsense  
 that some of the violent partisans speak  
 about it—

Our August account was published  
 today without now a comment except  
 what I put at the end

James Chayne gave up his connection  
 with the shop in Detroit he could not make  
 both ends meet so he gave it up and  
 quite as one a sensible notion  
 Woodbridge offered him a job so he says



12—Sunday.

Quite a change there was a regular storm today from the North East and snow and freezing hard when I got up and it has froze all day in the Lake very severe weather for the season of the year.

I went to the colored Sabbath School and had to take charge John W. Brown was away at Flint with his brother.

Our church was quite uncomfortable today and the North Star not burning made my seat rather cold. The hymn preached from the words "But ye are washed and made clean" a wandering miserable kind of discourse with little point but uttering a lot of old truisms and high calomistic platitudes which to me is the worst of all. I made a sort of financial statement to the congregation.

Our Sabbath School was not very full today.

I saw the Evening he gave us a sermon on the barren fig tree. A rather better one than the morning but not much to the point either. I often think he talks a deal of vague generalities not much to the point he ought to do better and could do better if he was willing.

I read a couple of Dr. Estlin's sermons on the sins and sorrows of the City. They are very good indeed and exceedingly interesting and full of that kind of description that his writings so much abound in. I have no doubt he describes really the South when he says that drunkenness drags men victims down thru every war.

I have a slight affection of the throat throat chiefly caused by cold it just feels as if a lot of gravel and sand had got into my throat and feels gritty like.



To day the weather was very cold in the morning but in the evening it got warmer. The work we were at today was not much of any moment.

The excitement of the assassination is dying away at Ottawa they seem to be coming to their senses but our new developments are making as far as I have been able to see we expect a hit today about the flag not being at half mast on the lawn ball from the Detroit papers. We did not do anything however we left the matter alone.

I took over the Liberator's Liberator to be signed today and he finished them and then I gave them to Mr. Dwyall who signed by him.

In the evening Mr. W. McKen gave his lecture in the church on the subject of Music and kept hitting away at the Noakers and among the rest Washburn Garrison and myself. That sort of thing will not stand very long people will not be abused without ~~some~~ showing fight in some way or other.

I agreed from this I shot a Liberator that Mrs. Thomas Noble's youngest child was dead that it died last night and was to be buried tomorrow so I shot it arranged that James Bell should drive down with the folks tomorrow and we heard that James Noble's people were going down to the funeral and Margaret Annie along with them ~~poor~~ thing or so well away from the difficulties and trials of a dreary world. It is evidently would have been a great sufferer if it had lived. I had a cold tonight and closing in the head.



14—Tuesday.

Today the weather tapered off a good deal and became warmer and rained at intervals during the day.

Walter and Samuel Bell started for Amherstburg and got down all right and came back all right. Helen was a little tired but she got along nicely.

Marian came up to supper with Samuel and stayed with us all night. She looks care worn like want of sleep with the baby. The little boy Grumpy was with her and Sam much better than I can remember before. Helen says that the poor child looked a great deal like a fearful looking like corpse. I gave her \$5.00 for them and paid \$2.50 for the baby so I do my share.

It was very dull today all day. A tremendous headache but I stuck to my work all day. Maria-tho-less we had a great lot of visitors in the Police Court today from Nicholasville and we kept old Grumpy dead on their mouths for keeping a bawdy house and some others for frequently them. And we ordered Dick Massey's wife leave the town.

Brabant it appears came away from London on Sunday but he was brought back ~~back~~ to night so it is said and will stand his trial tomorrow.

The great theatrical performance in the Town Hall took place tonight wherein Mrs. Pung and Gibson took the chief part. The play was The Lady Lyons. They were a grand a tremendous house.



APRIL.  
15—Wednesday.

To day the weather was very warm but a very high wind at times and quite a shower of lamb game at intervals and it is rainy while I am writing.

I made out & say a copy of the By Law for debentures, and also an affidavit and I have handed them into Macdonald's hand. I received the debentures from Mr. Gougall all signed.

I also made out a certificate from Mr. William Rolfe and had it signed by Mr. Gougall he is going to Prussia and is afraid of consumption that is why he goes. A good deal of trouble is caused about consumption.

Harvey went up to Samuel Elliot & says she is going down in the morning to Annapolis.

Heard this afternoon that Graham is acquitted of perjury. This will be a triumph for Clark. It does see how they could have helped acquitting him better. Some testimony that Long was prepared to give in his favour.

We had the Prayer Meeting this evening not many were present. Mr. Kemp presided.

Our Parliament met yesterday and passed some estimates. A senator died from Wood's rotting suddenly and of congestion of the lungs yesterday.

I read the concluding part of Gladstone's speech on the Irish Church it is a very good one and he declares in the most positive terms that the Irish establishment must come to an end and in that he is certainly right.



To day the weather was quite windy all day and showy from the west. We had a very bad storm during the night. I was very busy to day, soating my shanty account. We had no other business to day of any moment. I delayed my debentures into the hands of the Museum and, I saw Mr. Smith and he wants written across them, in red ink that they will be paid in Toronto which could be easily done if only we were a little determination and good arrangements to have all these debentures attended to thoroughly.

The Graham men were quite Substant. Okey and the black men a little cross. When at the issue of the treat it appears Graham did the business very well at London and managed the matter very well indeed.

I done a good deal of pruning to my Press to day and current business they are very rotten and lots of losses in the further of the pushes.

I saw that Mr. Mc Ken's Brother had recognized William as the man who ~~was~~ was in to Mr. Mc Ken's house wanting to see him and gave him his name as something else, stating that they were going to burn Mr. Mc Ken's house or that was about eleven times in Montreal.

The News Office is not much improving along slowly and they expect to finish soon. As it is said Morton asked me tonight how much I would take for these various books and began to say that they could be got across the river in less. I told him he was at perfect liberty to do so and that I would keep my own books.



APRIL.  
17—Friday.

To day the weather has been very boisterous  
wind kept and increased. Snow  
to night but I think it ~~soon~~ will not  
come.

To day I was busy posting up my accounts  
with the Loan and getting my library  
matters all right. I find that they have  
been very heavy for the last three months  
in the year.

I had a visit from Dr. Spruce. To day  
he is going to move to Cincinnati Ohio and  
leave Detroit entirely. He is getting into such  
a large business in Cincinnati that it  
requires both his brothers attention and his  
own to conduct it. He seems to think  
that political matters are anything but  
satisfactory in the States.

No news of any moment. To day the Weekly  
Globe came in with a fine portrait of Thomas  
Darcy Lee as well as his murder. Whelan  
as also the House & Co. And that when the  
murder was committed it appears that  
the evidence against Whelan is overwhelming.  
No globe tonight. Paper late.

A great disaster on the Erie Railroad the  
night before last. It was lost and 20 wounded.  
I read tonight a piece that has the  
following in it "Six Mains On" by John Brown.  
In spare hours he advises certain books  
Doe and and James are good at advice  
to the depts of Medicine stating their causes  
and what books they ought to read.  
He says that culture / good healthy culture  
is the thing.



Today the weather was good all day although it was a little cold in the morning the sun was even here by the first.  
We had no other business of any moment today but a lot of watches that were put in for very drunk a and who were ordered away to the other side of the river and old Blackwood who was put in a drunkard.

I was busy all day posting my acts today up to about 10 o'clock in the afternoon when I went home and transplanted a number of current bushes from out of the garden on the North side to the garden on the South side.

No news of much importance today unless it be that it is said a lot of human correspondence has been found out by detection in New York and Montreal which implicates a number of parties who have all started for the United States but who, it is said may be back by extradition is the plan of getting ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> was planned in New York and agreed in in Montreal what may be the upshot of the matter it is hard to say as the case has not come to near some trace of the track and we are consequently without a much longer as that the investigation of the assassination was not ended as to what was done yesterday.

A lot of ill-natured notes appeared in the "Dominion" today about the flag on the Lion Ball not going up I don't think I shall be apt to reply to it as it is beneath notice.



So day the location was fine in the morning but appeared a little hazy in the afternoon about twelve I commenced to rain and rained until about 3 o'clock. I went to coloured Sunday school and to church in the forenoon. Mr Kemp preached from the 100th Psalm. Badly exposed profanity, nothing in which I was not in a position to carry home the truth with me. ~~at~~ Of else the sermon had no striking feature in it it was not such a humour as all events as greeted my mind from Wandering and thought I may be some old man myself.

In the afternoon Sabbath school the Sabbath school was not very full as there were a number of the children away at on account of the rain. We gave out a Teachers Meeting ~~in the~~ on Thursday night but I am afraid that I will not succeed on that so well as I could like on account of its being the first night.

In the evening Mr Kemp preached from the 100th Psalm. Addressed to Peter then times when he shed Simon son of Jona's coat about me. The text was "I will trust me a little Simon then the morning." My valley & I have had been John Brown. Myself of this Father in a letter addressed to Dr Cairns of Toronto who I would it is truly, but God indeed and the of great power and dignity of expression full of pathos in some parts.



20—Monday.

To day has been one of the finest days of the season warm and sunny all day.

I was busy today balancing my books and other matters of that kind.

Our house business was rather of a varied character today we had an information against an old man named Kelly about Walthamton for using a slingshot against a Frenchman I was astonished to hear of such a thing. Then we had the case of a Frenchman named Astor who had with others burned or attempted to burn the Barr Shanty or house of John Montross it was dropped by one H. Fuller who was charging some land for him. We could not proceed with the case today so it was postponed until tomorrow.

No news of any importance further than that it is said the evidence against Whelan is getting stronger and stronger for the advertisement of Mass.

The Globe tonight contained the speeches of Gladstone and Disraeli on the Irish Church Question. They are I understand exceedingly able productions. But Disraeli's speech is made up of a part and then saying but Gladstone addresses himself to the real question. Then Gladstone had the satisfaction of knowing that he was on the right side with victory as his reward while Disraeli was provoked with defeat staring him in the face.

I understood that Dr Kemp is going away to Philadelphia tomorrow so it is said I think it is the right thing he ought to have done or long before.

People say that James Bell and Lane Kemp are to be married in the bonds of wedlock.

I say a good deal in the garden today and the women folks planted some flowers.



To day the weather has been rather windy  
and towards night it got much cooler!  
We had the case of John Montrouls  
man before us he was committed to take  
his trial at the assizes in Arson it appears  
that there is a gang of desperadoes of which  
he is one who has been making a  
point to burn down people's houses that  
is outside houses where Irish as  
men that would work on Farms used  
the reason was that these desperadoes  
did not believe in day labourers' wages but  
that part of the country they wanted the  
Farming done to do it themselves.

I left Barbara to the Town Hall last  
night for a paper and an old hat and  
while at my office she put with a  
woman who had lost my found my  
Memorandum book which I lost on  
looking over it I found that I would  
have been the loser to the extent  
of twenty dollars or a little upwards had  
I not found it I would have given  
the woman something for it.

I was a while longer in the Garden before  
I had a good deal of snow fresh on the  
fresh snow it is very clean and very pointed  
and very even on the road. He says if the  
Irish Church is a Messianic church its mission  
is unfulfilled as is another brought from a  
far and planted in a barren soil and temperate  
climate and kept up by artificial means it gives  
out no leaves it bears no blossoms it yields  
no fruit let it down why lumbereth it  
the ground. Irish is the concluding  
part of an admirable address due of great  
purity and fire and done with great  
force.



To day the weather was very cold and very dry the wind from the east. They say navigation is open through Otago which is much earlier than usual and that Mackinaw strait, all also clear if so then we shall have navigation at its full tide before the first of May.

No Police business today if things continue as they are the Police men will not get Saturday their business.

The business at the house is not much. Mr Cameron says Mr McRae is trying to get his oats that is begun to feel his position as leader of the opposition and the great conservatism he is manifesting is for purpose of getting from the government.

It appears Gorton has been made a baronet and he is now in London. There is a good deal of nonsense about this running after titles in the colonies in fact nothing but running the whole matter.

We had the prayer meeting tonight and it was the missionary meeting as well. The young folks who manage the missionary matters say they have collected \$57 altogether which is doing very well indeed \$25 have been appropriated for home missions \$15 to Knox's college and \$11 to foreign missions and that made our entire appropriation. The ministers and Mr James Porter are going to take out of the missionary fund the wherewithal to pay the presbytery and support expenses of ministers and elders. So if that be the case we will be able to go on as usual in June.

Dr Kemp left last night. Much to the regret of Miss Forbes and others. James Bell went to Colchester today and away until Monday or Tuesday next.



Still very cold and very dry wind  
from the East still.

Still no Police business of any moment.  
Today I addressed a letter to all  
who are in arrears on license money  
and with the statement that they  
will be provided against without  
delay.

A curious squib appeared today  
in the "Free Press" about Clark and Don  
wherein it is stated although no names  
are mentioned that the boy keeps a girl  
but that the old man has the use of  
her and that she boards at the house  
of a negro and that he had taken her  
down to Kentucky and passed her off  
as his wife. What a rotten immoral set  
those Southerners have been disgusting in  
every act of their behaviour.

I went across the river this afternoon  
and I rode up to the end of the street  
Railway and I wanted to see the house  
that was shattered with the thunder but  
found it was all fixed so that I could  
not see it. I saw foundries for stoves and  
steam foundries and forges they seemed  
to be massive affairs and the stone  
works seem to be very elaborate or I should  
rather say extensive affairs. The Americans  
are an enterprising people indeed.

In the evening we had the meeting of the  
Labbath School Teachers only five attended  
we read our chapter and talked it over  
and we had a good deal of whist  
and a good deal of paper was thrown  
on some of the passages especially that  
one about going through the eye of a  
needle.



To day the weather was cold all day and wind East it became cloudy in the morning and towards afternoon about five o'clock it came on a little sleet and rain and I signed a good deal before bed-time.

I commenced today to copy my collector's Roll. There being no Police business of any moment to day.

In the afternoon I came home about four o'clock and dug in the garden for two hours and got a good deal of work done, before the rain came. I am much better this year for work than I was this time last year.

In the evening a fire occurred at the house of Scott the Butcher on Mr. Dougall Street. It was a shed or stable in rear of the house where his horse stood and it was totally destroyed and the horse in it. I doubt whether it was the work of an incendiary. I believe Scott was drunk that was the fact of the matter and set fire to it with his pipe. He something like that I had quite a tussle with the firemen they are an awkward Squad they got into a hole and there was no water in the well worth a puff but they must do it. Nevertheless.

I read the Globe with Mr. Reuz's speech on the defenses a pretty fair speech it was although it was not marked with any great ability.

I read St. Paul's today with an article in it on Spiritualism by Rev. Wm. L. Gorton. It seems to me from the book given for that such a man as Gorton suffers not to have risked his reputation in writing such a book.

Bro David McKays has had an addition to his family. William and David McKays are gone to the sea until June.







To day the weather was very fine and pleasant all day. The sun shined clearly all day.

In the morning we went to the Coloured Sunday School and my friend Cole and I had a little controversy <sup>about</sup> the lesson which was the same in Matthew as our Sunday School was in Mark about the camel going through the needle's eye.

Mr Kemp preached from Rom 8<sup>th</sup> chap and to those who carnally minded is death but to the spiritually minded is life and peace. The last clause he gave us a good many illustrations of peace and what they looked for and how necessary it was to have peace and spiritually minded.

In the afternoon we had a pretty fair Sabbath School, but a great lack of girls. We had more boys than girls which was a strange thing.

I read a while at Dr. John Brown's Memorial of his father and finished it. It has some very nice things about it still I was not particularly struck with it. I like his way of play about other things which he brings in. In the evening I went across the river to hear Cochrane of Bradford preach in the Scotch Church. He preached from Ephesians 6<sup>th</sup> chap 10 verse. Finally brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. He gave us a capital sermon on the strong and healthy Christian. He just defined what physical courage was and then he gave them what it was to be a strong Christian. He was very hard on those that merely possessed the negative virtues and who would not stand up for their profession in the midst of a wicked and profligate generation. And about getting strength outside of ourselves he preached about 15 minutes. He said a little on the chapter he read he is rather too heavy on his voice I should think he would not stand long.



To day the weather was fine and beginning  
 to get warm and nice. Vegetation progressing  
 slowly.

I got up this morning and dug a good  
 bit in the garden and otherwise fixed  
 matters a little. I have no room for  
 seeds this year and the only thing I  
 agree is for tomatoes and cabbage.

We had no other business of any  
 moment today in fact nothing of  
 anything heard that Alex Cameron  
 was going to the Queens Council.

I had Colledge & Park today on the  
 Irish trunk it was an able effort on  
 the part of the Irish complete and  
 complete. We have had it is complete  
 in all its parts.

Judge Richards came to supper and  
 was taken down to Sandwich by Sheriff  
 Mr. Brown.

We had a meeting of the Council  
 to night at which I got my account  
 paid of \$59. Which I had overpaid  
 in 1859. I got it with some explanation  
 Marguerite has not yet paid us  
 one copper on his debt and any  
 day there is something coming in.

No news further than that James  
 Alfred is doing well he had the ball  
 in him for two days was shot on  
 the 12 of March and on the 31 March  
 he was much better and recovering  
 very well indeed. And was recommended  
 to some home they had tried the man  
 and sentenced him to be hung at  
 once.

James will come up to supper  
 in the stage from Colchester  
 news of the fall of Magdala today and  
 the great victory of Raper over the King of Abyssinia  
 and the release of the captives so he has been thought

rate. Ag. will shut the  
 subjects with the impurity  
 to state subjects with the impurity  
 cannot understand the heart of Heaven down  
 season that he cannot understand the heart of Heaven down  
 season that he cannot understand the heart of Heaven down



To day the weather was very beautiful  
indeed all day quite warm and here  
no more business of any moment  
not in fact except one person who was  
discharged

The assizes commenced today. Quite  
an array of talent from below. Mr  
McCauley, Kenneth McKeen, J. C.  
and a whole host of others. I saw  
Mr McKeen today he came down to see about  
some dogs that had been taken off his  
lands in Northey he got the Major  
off and seized them in the Bell River  
where they are flooded

No cases of any importance today  
unless it was Harry Lamsa and  
the parent. Parent said Lamsa for  
calling him a thief and he got a verdict  
against him for \$10 which Lamsa  
lost. And consequently mulcted Lamsa  
in the sum of about \$200 which is  
not easy in these hard times.

Mr Kellam told me that the case of  
Lands flowing out of his election the  
year of a verdict of \$5000 which  
will not turn out. Christopher Robinson  
made a capital defence in fact very good  
he did.

From what Sandy McCauley  
was telling me tonight it appears  
there is considerable division amongst  
the members of the cabinet about the  
the Intercolonial Railway. in fact  
like a bust them up

I had a good deal of the English  
Irish church debate tonight. Jack  
as Gladstone, Spink and Lord Sturges  
they were very good indeed  
Not like mine up to night. Battered  
bent as a witness.



To day I went to Sandwich to day  
The day was fine until afternoon when  
it rained a good deal and thundered  
too

I heard the case of a man named  
Helson stealing Lark from a man named  
Boring in the Township of Colchester then  
was some false testimony on the matter  
I thought but whether the man was  
guilty or not I could not say when  
Boring defended him with false oaths  
but not enough to clear him he was  
found in fault. Dr. Hawkins it  
appears is in the habit of issuing a  
search warrant for searching half a  
dozen of houses which is a strange  
thing.

Then came the case of Little against  
Antman. The case on which Mr. Bell was  
the witness. Mr. Cameron was  
for the Plaintiff and Boring & Boring and  
Prune and Mr. Cameron was for the  
defence. The case was by and dispute  
the validity of a conveyance to John  
Park of the Farm next to Mr. Bell by  
the executors of the late John Little.  
The principle I heard maintained and  
that is that no man who is a Justice  
can be a witness or a wit. This was  
the case with the wit in question. My  
went on with the case until the  
Judge told them that it would be  
better to take a verdict for defendant with  
power to move into the Court above.  
On Little some points of Law Mr. Bell  
seemed intensely against. There in  
the matter.  
New Sheriff in today Mr. Mary Champs  
of age. Moment.  
Here at Prayer Meeting this evening on  
account of rain.



To day not many before the Police Magistrate  
except a case of larceny but it could  
not go on for want of witnesses  
I went to Sandwich today for a  
while. I will get the grand jury to present  
no bill in the case of Moore. I think  
which will make things better in the fore-  
noon.

The court had been occupied  
today in the case of Mr. Shuttles for  
false imprisonment of a Magistrate's man  
in Maidston a hundred dollars damages  
was given against him which was  
a great deal. But it is said Mr. Shuttle  
must pay it for him as he is the one  
that got him into the scrape.

I heard Mr. Cameron defend an Indian  
today and he did it extremely well  
in one of the shortest, sweetest and  
most beautiful speeches I ever listened  
to. It appears they brought him in  
guilty of common assault. He had stabbed  
another Indian.

I heard Calvin Lewis plead guilty to  
robbing old Hans. Lister Strong's case  
was also arranged and pleaded not  
guilty and was tried and found  
guilty nevertheless.

No news of any moment further  
than the defeat of the British Ministry  
again by a majority of 65 which was  
so decisive that they were obliged to  
adjourn until Monday next to consult  
for it is said. Some think they  
will dissolve.

Mr. Bell went home today by stage  
so I understood.  
No news of any moment.



So day it was chilly and cold the  
 frost of the day until afternoon when  
 it both warmed and rained  
 we had on a case today of fraud  
 when a man named Graham had  
 appropriated \$213 worth of alcohol to  
 his own use, which he had got in  
 charge of another man, a Frenchman  
 he was to smuggle it and ship it to the  
 city of St Louis in Missouri but instead  
 of that he ~~he~~ shipped three barrels of  
 water and he had to pay \$9 for it  
 which was really too bad in my opinion  
 to make him do that the case was  
 postponed until tomorrow at ten  
 o'clock

I went to Sandwich today  
 and found that the Grand Jury had  
 had let more go and they were  
 just trying Dick Mason and he was  
 found guilty and sentenced to  
 seven years transportation Lewis  
 was sentenced to 3 years and Phil  
 the same

We heard of the Shelly group  
 against Barney Graham, in a character  
 which, with not pay costs they said  
 Matthew Cameron defended him  
 with great vigor and tore Shelly  
 and Graham all to pieces he is a  
 very smart fellow in fact there are  
 scarcely any his equal at the bar  
 at the present day in Upper Canada  
 The assizes ended to day at 10 o'clock  
 so I believe they have had four  
 days hard work



2--Saturday.

To day it has been a fine day all day but a little cold.

We had the case of Charles Northrop for stealing Thomas R. Johnson's boat. He was sent to jail. In the Court session and it is long time he was in jail before he is a legend.

The Supreme Court was dismissed today on account of want of evidence so that another grounded was set at liberty.

I let out the contract to repair of my Pullman to be built by Under the house.

Edwards is going to get it out for me at \$17.50 and put in the chain and Perry York is going to do me the work part of it.

The Ministers are hard pushed on their estimate at Ottawa. Yesterday they were only saved by five of a majority. And Mr. Duggan had to strike his whip over the heads of the Ministerial supporters in order to carry them over with them while is saying a good deal for the determination of some of these men that they will not be drapped as the chunky wheels of the nabobs of the Government.

I wrote a piece in the paper against the Liberator a Republican shout of the Republican Party of the United States.

I see by the Standard that John Richmond is again dissolved connection therewith and that he has up to farming over now.



It has been a fine day all day but a little cool, and an East Wind which is always cool.

I went to the Coloured School in the morning and I addressed a few words to my coloured friends on the lesson which I think done good and so did Mr Markham.

Mr Kemp preached from Transfiguration by Jesus the transfiguration on Mount Hermon I did not think it was much like a sermon at all in fact my own mind may be said to be a little skeptical on many of those supernatural things and I always fancy that when they are made the theme of a discourse that very little that is tangible can be made of them such as angels or anything of that kind. My mind has ceased to give much on these matters. I am content to accept the words of scripture as a sacred legacy from God to man for his guidance and what is practical in them my duty is to make a good use of it.

Our Sabbath School was not very large but it did very well. Mr. Bayliss came in today and did much. A school James Noble and his folks here now gone across the River altogether to church. So that we have not their assistance at Sabbath School at all.

In the evening Mr Kemp preached pretty well from the words a broken heart God will not despise it was a good sermon taking it all and all. Very good indeed.

I read John Brown's Review of Arthur Hallams remains it is a beautiful tribute to one of the greatest spirits that ever visited this earth in fact nothing like him I have read of or know of and yet the purity of and maturity of his judgment on all matters appertaining to God and eternity so strong and well considered.

I also read his ~~assorted~~ essay on education through the senses and his anecdote of the Highland school and ancient cemetery.



To day the weather was very warm the  
afternoon day and quite sultry this evening  
like a thunder storm

In the morning we commenced the digging of  
the drain to the cellar some came along  
about six o'clock. I was not well at the  
time I was rather nervous I commenced  
to tear down the siding of the kitchen and  
did take it down took down the outside  
kitchen this afternoon

We found out this morning that poor  
Allie had quite a knot on the lower leg  
of the body and we had the doctor examine  
it and prescribed leeches for which I tried  
to get but could not we will get them to morrow

We received news today of the death  
of Miss Ann Ross of Kentucky sister's  
sister she died on the 13<sup>th</sup> April at a quarter  
past eleven I received a note from James  
MacDonald her man of business there is  
a probability that Anne will be remembered  
in the will but I suppose she did not leave  
much property

In the forenoon we sent one of the most  
wicked wretches to East <sup>we have had</sup> for a long time she  
was sent two months for getting drunk on  
Sunday

A poor unhappy creature of a girl  
was committed to jail to stand her trial  
for stealing fifty dollars from Mr. Lead of  
the Davenport House she confessed to stealing  
\$10. but Mr. Lead had paid fifty dollars to  
the Traveller she had taken it from I surely  
believe that the traveller trusted Mr. Lead  
in \$40 all of us in court believed so

We had the Teachers meeting to night and  
a pretty good meeting it was although  
James Bartley was not there he had  
gone to hear Father Pulley the Catholic priest  
discourse in the Catholic Church



To day the weather was very warm the entire day and we had quite a thunder storm in the evening about six o'clock.

In the morning I could not go at any work because I had it rained before 8 o'clock and everything was disagreeable. We had the case of Thomas Finley in the morning of Capt. Dickson's son of from 60 to eighty cuts he reported him down and he told him an ox Finley from all appearance is a very abandoned villain in fact one of the worst boys we have in this part of the country I doubt whether he will stop short of the gallows in the meantime he very nearly committed a robbery.

We sent one subscriber a present of a seal in twenty days a son of old subscribers that is dead.

Mr. Spence gave me an order and bid me all goodby he is to start for Senapath to move with his family thus leaving Detroit altogether.

In the afternoon I tore down the notice and took it out of the way so that the seller should be done tomorrow. It seems rather funny that we are to leave without any back notice. I trust we shall soon appear in ship shape in the matter.

I am very tired tonight and very fatigued with hands sore from gaiters and handling lumber and such.

The news from England last night is that Gerrard will not resign but he will have Irish church resolutions discussed on Monday. That is Thursday he gave a lively sketch of the good deeds of the Tories which Mr. Gladstone repudiated.

There has been quite a time among the Catholics for the last three days is called a Eidman a sort of protestation meeting.



6—Wednesday.

To day, the weather was moderated off a good deal in point of heat but there was a threatening of rain the future day and it commenced in the afternoon evening. We had no business of any moment as the store bank to day so that I got home to work in the afternoon.

I straightened up some of the Lumber and took out the nails out of the boards and put them in being put on again.

They did not get along so fast with the rain as they expected. Lords looked very hard indeed but I believe I have the start of them. I don't think he will make much of it. In the afternoon he will commence the Lumber.

The Parliament have added the Governor's salary to \$32000 by a very decisive vote which will be rather detrimental to the good name of the British inhabitants of Canada who look he named among the chaffards ones in the eyes of the British Gov.

The British Parliament is in a state of crisis in fact Disraeli appears to be partly at his wits end and will doubtless keep this office as long as he can but Gladstone seems determined to push on his Irish Church resolutions to their determinate end.

We had a pretty fair prayer meeting tonight and sang Grant for his child christened. Heard tonight that Mr Kemp was lately got the professorship of the Montreal Presbyterian College.

Mr Munroe has been playing hobbs among the Americans at Toronto and caught by arresting them in twos and threes.



7—Thursday.

This morning there was a regular drizzling rain all the morning till about ten o'clock when it fair'd up much and became quite dry.

I got some bundle of Russian paper. And should attend to the address and some other matters necessary to be done about the office. I also arranged with Mr. Grasser to have some money on my own note, which he promised to do for me.

No news of any importance except that I saw Mr. Barker had been arresting some men known about Guelph one of them

a baggage man by the name of Murphy. There are some rumors that the Queen is against destabilizing the Irish Church and that she has consulted with Mr. Colclough that he has been with her advising her on the subject.

I had to night a speech of softness at Manchester in which he takes a little different ground from Paine and and John Stuart Mill on the land question of the Irish. He also likes Mr. Gladstone's leadership. He thinks they all ought to rally round Paine and encourage him in the good work of reform.

I wrote a note in the evening today on the subject of the Russian letter in the Record about Fenianism.

The Fenians appear to be moving again and are trying to get some money up to make another move on Canada or some other place. Is it not contemptible that a set of cut throats can actually plan to invade a peaceful country?



So day the weather was much better but a little cold.

Thomas Jones finished his contract to day or rather, to night about seven o'clock and I gave him a cheque for the money there is \$825 in stock and all he brought me in two sticks of posts for the house.

We had scarcely any other business today of any moment. I made out some summaries and information this forenoon and drew out a lot of notes and other matters. I got some money at the bank today and placed it in Charles' hands to my credit on my building fund.

I told the Inquest today on the body of a man named Mr. Cade who had some time been from Euphemia and that he had been taken suddenly ill and crawled into the loft of a log house next to Mrs. Jones' dwelling and there died this morning. I telegraphed to his friends at Euphemia to come and take the body. He was a man about 50 years of age and had led a dissipated life.

In the evening I read Disraeli's speech and it is a long manly affair. In fact I think it must have not had much effect when I consider the question he had to discuss. I think his speech was utterly unfit for the situation or rather was not up to the occasion.

The Senate is to decide about the President's impeachment next Monday or Tuesday. Some say he will be impeached others say he will not.

Olivia and Marguerite Noble Thomas Noble's two daughters came up this afternoon by the stage and are staying with us the night.



To day the day was fine all day warm  
bush but cold and some days a little frost  
in the morning

we had the case of Boston in Lillingham  
without a license today is was quite clear  
but he got two rounds who were quite  
the country and did just what he wanted  
them to do and therefore, we will have the  
clear

It is truly lamentable to think what  
the whiskey interest will do it, it encourages  
men to do all the mischief they can and  
in fact to commit perjury cheat and lie  
and in some cases rob. steal

It will have a hard place in that  
other land that is its manufacturers and  
sales in it is the root of all mischief

Our cellar was nearly all built today  
it only wants a very little to complete it

The globe had a very good piece on the  
human arrest today showing that there  
must be something more than Mendacious  
of humanism that should cause arrests or  
else our country will be known a bad  
place in humanism

I received a letter today informing me  
of the shipment of our first engine on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
western

I wrote two letters one to Sarah and  
one to Gullph about what they pay an engine  
in a steam fire engine

The "Nation" today was very savage  
on the Congress for its obscenity of language  
and also on some of the managers of  
unpleasant and about the stupidity  
of referring antiquity in some of their  
Rhetorical flights for they really know nothing  
about the uses of antiquity they are  
not classical scholars

The mother of Mr. Calkins came and took the  
body of Sophomore to the



Just the same kind of day as yesterday  
wind east and gentle cold  
Went to the Coloured school today and the  
Lesson was the Labours in the Vineyard

Mr Kemp preached from Hebrews IX 27 & 28  
Verses "And as it is appointed unto men once to die  
but after this the Judgment so Christ was once  
offered to bear the sins of many and unto them  
that look for him shall he appear the second time  
without sin unto Salvation". He ~~well~~ gave a  
very good sermon indeed and looked up the  
significance of it very well. 1<sup>st</sup> as to death  
2<sup>nd</sup> as to Judgment and then Christ the great  
Sacrifice

In the afternoon Helen and I walked  
up to Coleraine town Sabbath school and I addressed  
them up then taught a class. And I was  
quite surprised to see the Senior Catechism amongst  
them. Their lesson was about the Gavel  
saw through the eye of a needle. I took that  
and explained it to them to the best of my  
ability.

We waited until Mr Robinson preached  
to them. He took for his text the words from  
Rom 8<sup>th</sup> chap 16<sup>th</sup> verse "The Spirit itself beareth witness  
with our spirits that we are the children  
of God". I cannot say that I greatly admired  
his sermon but then the people liked it. I  
suppose there is a Mrs Williams plays on a  
small organ and leads the singing. And it  
goes very well indeed.

Mr Kemp preached from Matthew 16<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and  
then followed by verses about the confession of  
Peter and the people that Jesus was  
the Christ. The sermon was pretty  
good but rather long.

Helen so some tired to night from  
her long walk.

Mr Phillips' destitute is being to night  
so it is said it was being yesterday for  
contravening the Poor Law.  
The two girls nobles went to dance to night



11—Monday.

Today the weather was good all day quite warm and we all through we had some work done today in and around the house the iron finished the cellar and hooked it up I had Warren working round the house so getting ready for the screws

We had the case today of Nelly against Martin or rather Martin against Nelly and a miserable case it was. Hold! Man Nelly says one of the parties concerned in Christendom in fact I never heard of such a scandal a man actually training a child to swear on falsehood is one of the worst features in in the whole case then could be nothing worse the child was only about 6 or 8 years of age however given the whole case and fined Nelly \$5 and costs

We had a meeting of the Fire Committee this afternoon at which Mr. Thomas Hamilton was recommended as fire engineer that is to take care of the fire engine the engine is expected here almost immediately

I had quite a time with the station master today about taking care of a man that was found in a box car in a dying condition and who I believed was a passenger by the Railway from the Luskens Bridge. He said he was from Massachusetts and some said from Georgia it is extremely doubtful when he came from and hence my assistance to Railway authorities in the manner it was made

I got the loan of some screws today from the board for tomorrow



12—Tuesday.

Today it was a fine day although cloudy the entire day or at beginning.

We commenced raising the House today and we got it up to the right level on the South side and had it planted on blocks all right. The House is a good deal twisted by the miserable blocks I had under it but it was pretty sound otherwise and very good as far as soundness was concerned. I think blocks I ran in front helped me some in drawing off the water from the foundation. Had we had an hour additional we would have leveled the whole House. We had the Court of Review today at which the whole matter pertaining thereto was finished up complete and adjourned until long die.

Today the impeachment of the President was postponed until Saturday on account of the sickness of Mr. Howard the Senator from Michigan the excitement in Washington seems to be intense and the crowds are said to be very impatient about the matter but Mr. Russell in fact informed me that he will not be impeached that the case against him is not of sufficient magnitude to impeach him.

We had a meeting of the Church Committee last night to take into consideration the resignation of Mr. Cameron who is going to leave for Scotland in about three weeks and cannot attend to it the feeling of the Committee is that we are not able to give Mr. Russell the \$1000 a year and that we will have to induce him in all to try and get Buchanan for Treasurer.

The Man from the Great Western Railway died yesterday this morning and was buried in the cemetery today. Mr. Drupall says that I ought to have held an inquest.



We have had one wintered day of  
 rain today from the east the white  
 day

I did not go to the ball today at  
 all I got a hold of the colored man Harper  
 and he and I put in two good blocks  
 under the chimney and we laid down the  
 floor again and at grad up the house  
 but what a miserable job I was in today  
 the house all upside down and everything  
 in confusion and clay and mud to the  
 mast head. We backed the front  
 of the house also and put a block in  
 there. I worked at it the whole day  
 and let Harper go about five o'clock

Impeachment excitement very intense  
 in fact nothing like it since the case began  
 all sorts of devices are being made to  
 influence seating vote for impeachment.

Howard of Michigan had a plain given  
 I saw today an abominable article in  
 the Tribune about our treatment of the  
 man from the Rail Road I shall reply  
 to it tomorrow afternoon it is so  
 absurd then talk about large heartedness  
 and all such things in fact it  
 is downright hypocrisy in the matter

No candid news of any moment  
 further than that a good deal of feeling  
 exists against Colver a few more may  
 when the African tried  
 some day came to the prayer meeting  
 to help out but not many. One Kemp came  
 into the house a little before and we  
 had some talk of the thickness of the  
 infestation and other matters of that  
 sort

Parliamentary News unimportant except  
 that Gladstone has introduced a Bill to  
 prevent any more appointments in  
 the Irish Church



Still Miserable And Dying yet our men  
got an house down to bear on the post and  
took out the crews but it was such work  
that the men had to desert in the afternoon

We got some lumber on the ground and  
intended to frame the Kitchen but it is sad  
work

We had a case of extradition, from Detroit  
or rather Lapeer where a man by the name  
of Coulter was brought up in the testimony of  
Jesse Pappas that is he passed a \$10 bill that  
was not good and he was arrested for it and  
brought up on a warrant and he denied the  
bill and paid the costs and that was all that  
was required. But some bad blood had got  
up amongst them and he was arrested again.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

No news of any importance that I hear of  
tonight. Our Parliamentarians at Ottawa  
are plodding along through their estimates as  
quick as they can so as to adjourn some  
of their propositions are in my opinion absurd. I  
understand that Mr. Meade & Co have sent  
banners to Ottawa Dept. them out of difficulty  
with the Government.

My letter to the Tribune & Advertiser was sent  
out to Detroit by George Duncan and it  
appeared in the paper this afternoon but the  
first part of it was taken out as also another  
part which was also clipped out. A very unkind  
mode of dealing with a letter they either ought  
not to publish at all or else publish entire  
& furnished the other copy to Laura of the  
Record for publication.

Our house is still dreary looking  
from the clay so that is around  
us in every direction



MAY.  
15—Friday.

A sort of half and half dry day.  
I turned out hard at night before the  
men stopped work at the house.  
We got up the frame of the kitchen today  
and had all the roof boards ready on.  
They were getting along very nicely indeed  
with the rain.

At ten o'clock we started on the extradition  
case and some more witnesses were  
brought on the stand but they did not  
add much to the culpability of the case  
as far as I could see and a lawyer from  
Lafayette named Haskell made a first  
rate stump speech it was really a  
good speech in favour of his client and  
before after some deliberation discharged  
him in which I thought he done  
right.

In the afternoon I was busy with  
another case. A false pretence of a  
man named Riley and a man named  
Webster who had paid him ~~before~~ three  
hundred and fifty dollars for notes that  
were said to be signed by Thomas Wallam  
of Norwich Oxford and was soon but  
the old man repudiated the notes and  
Riley was arrested in consequence of  
saying to Webster that they were the old  
man's signature. What came out  
of it was hard to see Riley was bound  
over to appear for trial.

Mr. Higgins is very hard on the  
Board of Works at Ottawa and made  
some damaging disclosures about the  
man Page in his dealing with contracts.  
Mr. McLean preached for us  
to night in the absence of Mr. Pump  
and last night from Colic his  
remarks were very good indeed and  
very much appreciated by all who heard  
them.



It rained today the entire day and we were in a bad mess. Our kitchen progresses very slowly. He new could not work today at all outside. I don't remember on ever seeing anything like the amount of rain since last Monday day in the same time that perhaps. I only feel it because we are in such a trouble with our house. We had two drinks today and they were both good and both nearly paid the whole of the fare. So the town made something today no news of any moment on our own side of the river today excepting that my letter to the Detroit Tribune appeared in both our papers today. So that the people will see that I do the best I can to defend them against the unjust attacks of our enemies.

The President was today virtually acquitted the Blount article being the one in which he is accused of having tried to bring the Congress into contempt. He lacked only of being convicted. It that it may now be virtually said the squelched and I think the great Republican party is squelched with it. I doubt whether Grant can carry the Republican party through. The great cry is that some of the Senators were bought with Presidential gold. A great thing truly it is quite certain I think that old Ben Wade was looked upon as being unfit for the Presidency in fact as no better than Andy Johnson.

John was quite unwell today and bought a little. I think she gets a good deal of our poor Allen. I've told the Doctor days he is going to prob it on Monday and will give him a little chloroform to keep him quiet poor little fellow.

The two girls Eliza and Margaret who have been with us since Thursday



It rained again almost the entire day.  
 Our service in the morning was pretty good.  
 Mr Kemp looked a little sickly, like but he  
 was able to preach pretty well.  
 He preached from the words "Ye shall see  
 Jesus" a very good sermon indeed. I was  
 much pleased. With it in fact it was an  
 affirmative good sermon. Then quite a  
 goodly company sat down at the table something  
 like fifty. I think a little more. And then  
 there were a number of people absent.

Mr and Mrs James Woodbuck, Mr and  
 Mrs Thomas Woodbuck, and Mrs Lurbull  
 all joined the church for the first time  
 with us, today it was very good indeed to see  
 the interest as I thought manifested in  
 Christ.

We had a small Sabbath school in  
 the afternoon. I read in the afternoon  
 Dean Stanley's characteristics of the Papacy.  
 They are very good but very heathenish to  
 all appearance. in some of their comments.

In the evening our congregation consisted  
 of the choir was very kind indeed. Mr  
 Kemp preached pretty well from the  
 words "little children abide in me" from  
 John's 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle Second Chap and 28 Verse.

I read a bit of Dr. Newman's Ode. It  
 is a queer kind of poem take it all in  
 all.

Mr Johnston was away from home  
 today and therefore the Methodists had no  
 service here this forenoon. A few came  
 to our church.



To day the weather was better it cleared off  
and blew from the east a cold wind  
and it dried up the mud a good deal

I got Ruby ~~and~~ to dig out the coal  
or rather the mud at the back of the coal  
& day so that I might get it built again and  
I got it built and fixed as well as we  
could but I think the mason is a rough creature  
and very poor as a mechanic he built it as  
crooked as a ram's horn

I went over the river today but I did not  
hear any news of moment the American  
papers are all in a ferment very much  
in fact they are in a mass I think the  
Republican Party are not so strong by half as  
they were this time last year and they are  
getting so demoralised that it is doubtful whether  
they will be able to sustain themselves

Our own Parliament is to be prorogued this  
week sometime as it is said. it does not  
do much good it is much as well be  
prorogued at once

I am not very sanguine of the success of  
the Dominion I am afraid that they are too  
expensive our legislators. The Ministry do not  
listen to the Statesmen they are more peddlars at the  
head by expediency I scarcely any of them use  
the dignity of Statesmen but Kenzie himself  
in my opinion is by far the ablest man in  
the House at least I all appearance he has  
the interest of the country more at heart than  
several others

We had our Church's Meeting & singing it was  
a very good one and we are in my opinion  
always the better of being together and leading our  
singing over

The Blue Club met tonight and I went off  
there and found that Lockhart and John  
had given orders to Duncan not to follow up  
that powder game and to take no orders from  
me. Poor little Ahis side was closed today  
and an immense amount of matter was brought



To day it has been a very fine day, all day and the wind has kept in the East. They got the roof shingled today and we were all round in night. So that we can have now made work in case of necessity. Our water was filled up again today but it bulged out and we put in some more of oak scantling to hold it in its place so that it cannot give away now at present but it is a great bother to be fixed so.

We had two or three drunkards again as usual. I scarcely ever saw so many as we have had this season it has just been one continued stream of drunkards all the time and that by a lot of strumpets. Some say that we have a lot of Germans amongst us.

In the afternoon we tried the new steam fire engine and she went very well indeed. I must have something do better. She sent the water through about 8 or 900 feet of hose and played very well. And in the rough too. The pipes beat on the tops of barrels. Flag pole. A number of the council got fuddled on the head of it and at our meeting tonight only the Mayor and Shroburn put in appearance at all. So I went home and read my book instead of staying at the council room. tonight I understood there is to be a District meeting of the Methodist persons tomorrow. They begin to hear by a sermon from Bishop. I understand he is a great talker full of sound and very lively. Nothing all down together a good deal like the poll and the man when he looked up into the Bible or was hollowhead and no brains. I don't feel very late myself tonight. All the pretty little day.



20—Wednesday.

Still beautiful and clear all day and  
 been a very fine day indeed

Still a number of drunks it is astonishing  
 how many of them we have in these times

I went across the river today trying to get  
 some heats got oil and I did not find much  
 however I sent Curtis to get some in the  
 afternoon and the horse we had so much

of it. I was quite unwell today all day  
 although I kept on my feet yet I did not  
 feel well

John does not keep very well there is  
 quite a deal about every other paper at present  
 and I think a little fun as well sometimes  
 the bonnets perhaps it is all natural but I  
 don't know.

Our kitchen is all fixed pretty near  
 except laying down the floor and putting up  
 partitions. The carpenter look would be over

Our church are as high as present with  
 Methodist parsonage as but we have them pay  
 in two and there is all over the town I  
 don't like the clerical garb at all I think  
 it is to me grossly contemptible and I could  
 not wear it unless I was compelled to do so.

By the way one of our ministers has left  
 the Episcopalian church and gone over  
 I should suppose into the Episcopal church his  
 views in my opinion are exceedingly broad and  
 ill digested and in fact contemptible I have  
 great respect for the man but none for his  
 opinions I look upon them as the worst  
 thing he means for affairs I ever saw or had  
 any where has great respect for him and  
 thinks he is partly right for him I have  
 no respect at all and could not have

Today we heard of a bad case of assault  
 and also of bad usage from Laurel Park & Baby  
 to a colored man named Parker



21—Thursday.

To day we had a fine day all day but  
it looked a little like rain at night we had  
the floor all laid today in the kitchen  
and now we have it all covered in  
boards.

Yesterday morning we had Porter Foster  
joined in being drunk the night previous  
and then the two Russians came back  
and Frank Baby came next and were demanded  
until the day after Queens birthday day that  
is the Queens birthday is to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
this year. It appears that Lane Lark, Frank Baby  
George a Barker and another man had a colored  
man to take them on his way to Waukegan  
and in doing so they made the man drunk and  
then strangled him with something else and  
then tied him to the drag with a rope and  
beat him and took him to the River and  
tried to drown him and he was rescued  
from them and sent home on his drag  
and has been in a state of mania almost  
ever since Tuesday night when it occurred.

I arrived from Scotland today a copy of  
the will of Miss Ross. She died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of  
April and she has left Annie £500 starting two  
pound one hundred pounds and some other  
person fifty pounds. James Mc Donald the  
two houses and a lot of trunkets and  
some other people a lot of trunkets. She has  
done pretty well. Mr. Mc Donald writes a very  
nice letter indeed.

I sent a letter today to the Alderbrook  
you require so a letter about business and  
payments.

I had a splendid speech to night of  
workmen on the Irish Church question  
and there was a pretty speech in favour of  
slavery as the leader.



Today the good weather changed and we have had a continuous days rain nearly the entire day.

This week we have had nominated at Washington, Chicago General Grant as President and Abraham Lincoln as Vice President it is generally conceded that they are a strong ticket and will be apt to carry the Republicans through the campaign triumphantly. So the New York papers say.

I was shown an article written in the Hamilton Times very sensational on the subject of Humanism in fact it set forth that we are on the verge of a great invasion of thirty thousand strong with an immense number to back them provided they can only get a footing on our shore and that the Hawaiian boats somewhere sound troops to be boarded of further point and detain the troops. I was not impressed very greatly with the description I think it is quite sensational and when we got the Globe tonight there was not a word said about the matter.

The man that had been tormented by ~~the~~ same dark and his friends got into a precarious situation and full of love all day and passing blood with some of the doctors are in doubts about him.

The Parliament was prorogued today and I suppose all the bills were found correct and signed.

No news of any importance further than that some of the people are worried and that they might get the Council to spend money for leisure both day today.



Today the weather was quite changed and was a fine day all through.

The carpenter worked at the house today all day and I got the bath and commenced to put in on I commenced in the corner I am a little tired tonight. We had a trial today of three French boys for juries Thomas Jones, two Jones the widow of the late Stephen Jones gave for testimony in behalf of Jones she is a very thoughtful person in every respect and gave her testimony well the boys were fined two dollars each and the costs.

I read the Nation today it is very good on the situation it says that the Unpleasant is better on our unparliamentary and that and that the Republican Senators deserve great credit for the many stand against all sorts of influences that have been brought to bear on them. That the men would have been good shape from long outside clamor instead of following the dictates of their own consciences.

I read today Bright's oration on Disraeli was splendid and Disraeli's reply was just as good and Gladstone's speech on the same side was excellent. The British Parliament at present presents really a sublime spectacle and coming up so nobly to the work of doing justice to Ireland a work that has been needed for the last three hundred years.

quite a number of bills were sanctioned by the common general assembly but the one about his own salary was deferred until it be presented to the Queen. I mailed letter to James MacDonald today.



To day the weather was beautiful throughout the entire day.

This is the Queens birthday but there will be no celebration of it until tomorrow.

I went to the coloured school this forenoon at nine o'clock. Our lesson today was the request of the mother of Jabez's children that she should sit on his right hand and the other on his left in the kingdom.

And Mr Kemp preached very well notwithstanding that he was sick on Thursday & Friday he preached from the thirteenth of chapter 15. He said that we would look worthy of God who hath called you into his kingdom & glory it was a really good sermon.

In the afternoon we had for our Sabbath school lesson the Parable of the Vineyard that was let out to the husbandmen and how they kept his servants and how they killed the others and how they killed the son also.

I tried to impress upon them the significance of the parable the owner of the vineyard being God and the husbandmen the children of Israel. I told them a story of the poor student of Leipzig and the piece I think I managed it pretty well so as to impress the children.

I looked over an lesson for next Sabbath a little this evening. And I got quite into the discussion of the Sadducees doctrine, character, belief and general history. There is quite an elaborate essay in Kittos Cyclopaedia on the subject.

Mr Kemp preached pretty well tonight but it was some prophesying about Christ being God and being God. All that kind of thing is always to me somewhat impracticable.



To day the weather was very beautiful and fine.

It being the Luns' birth day I did not go to the office today but looked all the forenoon at my kitchen and got on a good deal of lather. Then in the afternoon I went across the farm with the whole family and we went to Adams Nursery and also to the cemetery and spent the most of the afternoon there. We were pretty tired when we got home. I had to carry poor little Alice a good deal. He was so tired when he got through.

In the evening I accompanied Mr. McIlwain and Mr. Cameron to the Good Templars Social and when we got there we found so extremely few attending that I should think it had been a good deal of disappointment. When Mr. Trump spoke and said a few things pretty well and also on the fearful power of strong drink on the system. The guest who was to speak there did not put in appearance. My then called on me and I gave them about fifteen minutes. I stated my perspective and also, somewhat about the Luns system, and told them a story of the man who was always fond of being a chairman.

Mr. McIlwain gave us a few words on the same subject. I saw a Welshman the next of morning a good deal. The temperance car at a faster rate than any other man. He told a story of him very well and gave us a good deal of what can be attained in pretty good meeting. As the speaking was commenced at least I said other besides me.

Our fire engine went to Sandwich & lay in the procession and came back all right.

Buchan and Mr. Donalds, Board Factory was unfortunally released today by 500.



It has really been a beautiful day all day  
and the wind has been and now it looks  
some like rain to night

I got up early in the morning and bathed my  
feet. I got along a good way today and  
as I have not a great deal of endurance I was a little  
tired to night in fact I was done out and  
went to bed early to sleep

The Parker Baby Lidge Lark came up today  
and they were further demanded to testify last week  
for the purpose of all seeing Parker time of  
either as it is said he still says himself others  
say he is changing and that he is not so bad  
as he says he is. Whatever that may be  
is evidently not well or as well as he ought  
to be Dr Andrews says he is not well and that  
ought to be enough for us

A lot of other fellows drinks come drinking  
and told of and before better next time.  
No great amount of Police business today  
The President was finally acquitted today of  
all his impeachment takes and came out  
of the ordeal whitewashed the vote on the second  
article was 35 to 19 and a verdict of acquittal  
was entered and the Court of impeachment  
apparently adjourned sine die  
As none of any moment about the case, I  
am so busy myself that I have no time for news  
and cannot attend to much of anything else  
but my own business

Our money of part of came today in debentures  
and they are now changed into greenbacks at  
one for payment of \$100

The British battleship came down from  
London today and anchored in the stream opposite  
the Dept. I think she is a perfect safeguard  
and against any human adventures



The weather was very good today all day  
 we got along to do pretty well with the  
 house. got up steps to the doors and other  
 matters of that kind. Paddy will and I  
 got on with the cutting of the kitchen and  
 such other matters of that kind as I could  
 I am telling you as much as I can  
 until I get the safe with the matter  
 I have not been able to read much this  
 week we are threatened with humanism so  
 they say but I say that they are going to take  
 away the sun out there along down  
 about present and Cornwall only there  
 in case of a raid from that quarter

Our Latin business is of no importance  
 today but quite a flock up has taken  
 place among the doctors about Parker  
 Grass, had been left there by Gough  
 on behalf of Bob & Co and Grass said  
 that he was turning and came back  
 Cassrain along with John Andrews to  
 see what could be ascertained and Cassrain  
 and Andrews fought strongly against the  
 opening of Grass and in fact it is doubtful  
 whether Parker may ever be left again  
 some day he will come say he will not

In the evening we had the weekly  
 prayer meeting which was really a missionary  
 meeting & B Cairney was present and gave  
 us an account of his labours in the back  
 wood and what he was doing and  
 how the congregation was progressing  
 I said a few words on the same subject  
 and we passed rather a good meeting  
 taking it all and all

Alfred's side is still growing a little I  
 am some apprehensive that things will  
 not come out all right but time  
 will tell



Today it was beautiful. The entire day  
I was busy all the time. I could get away  
from the office today at the house the  
carpenters were getting through as much  
as they could. I had Harry & an assistant  
me for the purpose of digging up the garden  
and he laid the Federal to the front  
and side doors along with Lewis James  
Bartlett's man. I got the clean floor fixed  
with board. I did not wait for it to be done  
with water of lime and indeed it is doubtful  
whether we could have made it dry with  
water of lime it was so low. I had to make  
it by what in a lot of sand to make it up.  
I worked very late tonight in making the floor  
and then after that I ran over to church  
and attended the Teachers' Meeting.

Our business at the Lock-up - or Police Court  
today was nothing of any moment. It has slackened  
off a little today which is a good thing.  
No news of any moment today that I  
heard of. I have very little time to read and  
so I must get along as much as I can  
have with my work. I feel pretty tired at  
night.

I had in Mr. Mr. Swan to say he  
is evidently going to be a thorough Yankee  
when one he looks himself to an amount  
then. I really wonder what I make  
of some of his opinions. Indeed I do not  
think they are very well defined by himself.

I bought a chandelier for the Town Hall to  
day in place of the one that George Duncan  
broke last Monday night a week ago.  
I bought the "Essays and Reviews" today.  
The book illustrated to great a disturbance  
in 1863 & in England written by English  
church men.



29—Friday.

Today the weather was very broken and about 8 o'clock it commenced raining and rained the entire day out and out.

I was having a good party of the day and so along pretty well we have something almost ready for the Station now so that we will be ready for him when he comes we got the cellar ready today with all its floor laid complete and whole but it was a real dirty job I did not like it but I think it will all be right I put some sand into it and made it right.

No news of any importance today I see by the papers that is the clothes correspondent to inform that Gladstone is likely to have a good deal of opposition in the Irish Church Reform and that the "Pro-Popery" cry will be all potent to turn the elections in the case of the Tories and the poor ignorant people of England do not know better than to ally with them.

We had poor little's side landed again today by John Horn who came in place of John Gilbert who was sick. There was a great deal of matter came from his side he was very much displeased with John Horn in cutting but I think he will be better. We wish him well poor little all over he is so interesting and so much beloved by us all those children just twines around us and we do not know how much they influence us until such an event as this takes a hold of us. My children are all dear to me and very much my idols but I am afraid that they will not be brought all up without a good deal of



30—Saturday.

To say the weather was a little better  
but some cold and miserable in fact  
just about as such weather is after a day  
of rain.

We move out of our bedroom today  
and went up stairs to sleep and were felt-  
better. I was going to finish my letter today  
but was not able.

I got the "Nation" today there is something  
in it really spicy on United States Affairs.  
We are living in strange times when we  
elect the President of a great people  
unopposed before the Senate of the United  
States and still the wheels of Government  
move on as smoothly as ever and no  
attempt at Revolution. The Anglo Saxon  
race seems to be a race permanently  
fitted for self government, or else it could  
never stand such pressure as they put upon  
it from the United States Government.

Then was a very fine letter came out to  
day in the "Dominion" on the appointment  
of ~~the~~ Judge Burgess of Thomas Aquinton. It was  
written from a point of view that some one was  
disappointed. I think Brown was the writer but  
he studiously keeps in the back ground the the  
letter charges the appointment as corrupt and  
prejudicial to the interests of the poor and  
that men with Government connections were  
accepted and Thomas Aquinton a man  
who was discharged from incompetency to take  
charge of a locomotive on the Great Northern  
Railway. Mr. Thompson was also brought in about  
his father in law.

To say all this I think if any thing a  
little better his side can a good deal  
today.



To day the weather was very good  
 indeed the entire day.

I went to Coloured School in the morning  
 and taught the little children & day assistant  
 of the grown up class.

Mr Kemp preached very well this forenoon  
 about the King's purpose in that which is little  
 it was a good sermon and he hit us off  
 who did not attend to the means of grace  
 and especially the prayer meeting and all such  
 little matters as that and how we neglect  
 our neglect small matters and how  
 small a matter often made great results  
 and from small beginnings great.

In the afternoon we had a good  
 Sabbath School and I spoke a little to the  
 children and they were rather attentive  
 and a few words to them on the robes and  
 thrones.

In the evening we had a sermon  
 from Mr Kemp that I was rather singular  
 in its tendency not very well pointed out  
 taking it all in all it was a fair sermon  
 nothing extraordinary.

Wien was quite poorly & night and went  
 early to bed. No news of any movements  
 worth speaking about.



JUNE.  
1—Monday.

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To day the weather was good all day until evening when it threatened us with a little shower.

To day the Division Court sat and we were not able to proceed with the case of James Jack and his friends until the afternoon when we had an affidavit from Dr. Andrews and Lambert saying that their opinion was that he would not be able to proceed before Judge and Mr. Barron therefore postponed the hearing until that day.

To day there was a great fire and dry among the lawyers and others as the lack of large stamps there was none to be had in the business community whatever and about twenty suits were stopped on account of the want of law stamps. It seems that Alex. Cunningham on the part of the lawyers here has had up issues and that John Caird and still continues to push on MacDonald in spite of everything.

Duncan McLean and his wife came in for a few minutes to say from Chatham they are on their way to Scotland and are to get there by a rapid call. The rumor of the Clyde for nothing which will be a grand affair to study and speaks volumes for the richness of a friend. I was very worried tonight in fact I had a violent attack of a cholera nature and a very near headache. Mr. Kemp came out to supper and we had a chat with him until a late hour.



To say the weather was good all day  
the rain that threatened last night did not  
come.

I was up early at my work trying to  
finish it and get the plow ready for plowing  
as we have been in a mess for a long  
time longer than I expected when I commenced.  
John is very tired of the improvements  
and would gladly have them done if he  
could.

The very last weather we have had  
has made no use the people cannot  
let their corn planted on account of  
the rain and we have now as many  
complaints against the rain as we have  
had for it.

Every kind of insect seems to be  
up at present the grasshoppers are  
threatened with annihilation almost I have  
had a stop is with my children which I  
keep ready to sprinkle on as soon as I  
see it.

Then we have them on the  
apple tree just as bad and only that they  
they are in nests we would not be able  
to stop them but we can pull them down.

A good deal of talk is going about  
howland being appointed Governor General. The  
Lords don't like it and a good deal of fuss  
over it. John Landfield Mr. Donald is quite  
satisfied with it so I heard what is true of  
that I cannot tell he may be for it and but  
not very likely at present so John A has his  
troubles!



3—Wednesday.

So day the weather was pretty good. all day  
and we had the man today come and commence  
the plastering of the house but he soon went away  
again.

Saw Mr Mc Mullen today he says that  
matters are not very pleasant at Toronto about  
howlands appointment that it was causing  
considerable stir.

Mr Cameron having promised that  
he would leave with me for Montreal next  
Tuesday I have decided to defer my visit  
until Tuesday and we will start ~~later~~  
one day later than Mr Kemp and his  
daughters.

We are going to have a Council Meeting  
on the ~~Monday~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> evening next before Mr  
Cameron leaves for Scotland and so that we  
may get along without many more meetings.

We held a meeting of the Managers  
of the Church tonight and we found that  
we must have a subscription list of at  
least \$300 per year to make up the deficiency  
unless we did so we must go down.  
So we determined to have a meeting tomorrow  
night and I was going round to drum  
them up in the meeting.

The prayer meeting tonight was very  
well attended, indeed, and we had two  
baptisms that is John MacDonald  
and Mr Woodbridge's child I  
was quite pleased with it and we did  
sing well that is Kemp. I felt a good  
deal depressed in spirit tonight about  
our church matters. The captain was very  
stiff and was very much against  
Mr Kemp. Said he would not subscribe  
a cent for his support any more.



Today the location looks very low and  
lathy and indeed it thundered and rained  
at night.

I was busy today getting out my  
returns for session & made them all ready  
so that Carson could take them to Macdonald  
a fellow calling himself a Lethbride  
had gone up in appearance above Walpoleton  
and stolen a lot of carpenter tools  
his name is a fair good he was arrested  
yesterday afternoon when Partridge  
put him in the lock-up.

There is one on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant a  
young men's Christian Association at  
Detroit where there is one a very numerous  
demonstration from all parts of the Union  
and Canada they expect 1500 delegates  
present.

I canvassed up our meeting room  
very well and we had a very good  
meeting indeed at least 16 men were  
present and those fifteen were as  
true as steel in fact we subscribed  
some \$225 then on 1<sup>st</sup> of July and I will  
get the balance I think taken up which  
it will be about \$75 It is distinctly  
understood that unless things improve  
that our future course will be determined  
at the next of the New Year when we  
have our Annual Meeting. We will then  
be in a position to see whether we  
months before if we are not able to  
sustain him any longer I think I  
never saw a congregation work better than  
ours does.



5—Friday.

So day the weather was quite broken there was a very heavy shower during the night and Monday morning.

So day we were full of business we examined the witnesses in the case of Adair Stealy, Bassman's tools and he was committed for trial to the designs when he signed his name he signed it "Edward Kelly" instead of "Adair" showing that the defendant is an Irishman.

I saw by his face as much. We convicted a young fellow named Robinson from Cleveland for stealing an overcoat from the Wilsons house. He was only four months to sail his comrade was allowed to go without any punishment. I was a little dubious with the fellows whether they are real hotel thieves or not. I could not say they seemed some like it.

We went up to the house of Parker this afternoon and took his deposition against Kelly and Eugene Lark. There seems to be nothing much against the other fellows. Poor fellow Parker I don't think he will ever get better. What has been done to him God only knows. Something fearful has overtaken him and what it has been it is hard to say. He says he remembers very little after that man gave him the legion. It does seem to me that the amount of legion he got must have had something to do with his sickness or else the legions must be poisonous. However we will see what will be developed out of it. It took us two hours to take it down. He was so much exhausted.



It has been a fearful night of rain and thunder all the night and today the earth is the wet of mud roads worse than at any time during the year I think

Our plastering got all finished just over a plastering last night so that we are a little better than we were

So day we continued the examination of witnesses in the Parker case and we examined two and we issued a summons for the third

We also issued a summons for Clark & Co for failing to give without a license which we will try on Monday we have the case we think complete however I understand he is obstinate and will not pay his license

In the afternoon I got my return for the summons all complete and made out every paper connected with the case I got a note from Fred David English to night saying that the East Western had not agreed to give us half a dollar or rather make our fare all up for one way. I wrote to George the solicitor to night and reported this business in my behalf whether I will get anything or not remains to be seen

This was the Agricultural Meeting at Amherstburg today and we saw some of us I have been there but the roads were so bad that I did not attempt it I should not be surprised if they kept the gates at Amherstburg no human news of any manner they say they are collecting opposite Chateaugay whether they are or not time will tell



So dry weather pleasant the entire day  
but a little cool wind from the North East.  
I went to school in the morning  
and we had a pretty fair school I met  
with two ~~Protestant~~ Baptists one of them  
thought that he would write to the  
the church but I strongly advised him  
not to do so that it would not be  
comfortable.

Mr Rump preached from the words "Assure  
thine a little child". It was on that idea  
that he worked I thought he misapprehended the  
matter it was the trustfulness of the child  
that we had to be like so he said but  
I always took it to be the teachableness  
of children instead of trustfulness.  
In the afternoon we had a pretty fair  
Sabbath school and I talked to the  
children a little about the temple  
of Jerusalem and tried to make them  
understand the enormous size and  
height of the walls and of the stones that  
emprised it.

In the evening Mr Rump gave us a desultory  
discourse on God dwelling in us and we  
in God.

Church better attended today I  
think on account of the working up it  
has received from us.

Heard to day from Dr Andrews that  
in their consultation they were of opinion  
that he would not live they are altering  
their treatment of him.

Alas I think is slowly getting better  
he seems quite vigorous today.



So day the weather was, fresh and  
musical all day but it cleared up towards  
night.

I was busy all the forenoon getting  
~~large~~ back ready for starting to morrow.  
We had the examination of some  
back & thus got by for a while but  
the doctor informed me that the  
man could not live that he had  
got such a high fever, that  
he could not possibly live, he was sinking  
all the time.

In the evening we had a meeting  
of the Council. One of Abscon was present  
to the Council and the person who are  
to go on leave for the old country  
in the next three months. Several other  
matters were brought up and left over  
such as camps and lands and all other  
matters of that kind.

I got my pass over the Great Western  
Railway today to go to Montreal tomorrow  
morning so I have everything ready  
to go as far as the early leave  
in the morning.

Before going a little long that I  
am going I am glad that the  
Council is going with me and  
that he will be my friend and show  
me the way in Montreal.



9—Tuesday.

So day we started at 4:40 by train time  
 The day was beautiful The future day  
 and Mr. Cameron was fine company  
 and got along to London very well and then  
 had breakfast and then got to Hamilton  
 by ~~the~~ eleven o'clock in the morning or  
 very near twelve I went to the  
 Cameron & McInnes' Store Wholesale  
 Establishment was introduced to Mr.  
 McInnes and he seemed very cordial  
 and gave a gentlemanly little fellow  
 understand he is married & one of the late  
 Chief Justice Robinson's daughters so that  
 he is right into the big Rusko or family  
 company of Toronto

Then we started to Toronto at two  
 o'clock and got in about four and  
 found Ormiston and several others  
 went down to the synd. I spoke to them  
 but Cameron and I got a sleeping berth  
 to ourselves and we got in to that  
 we found a deal and gave a number  
 went down some of the old elders  
 very pleasant and very amusing  
 on the way to the station

We got to Cobourg about nine o'clock  
 and had tea there we saw some  
 grass there he seems to be doing better than  
 we had a good deal taking matters altogether  
 and after tea we turned in again  
 and made our arrangements for the  
 night we were bothered at a little  
 with some fellows from Toronto  
 on the train and I did not  
 like it very well but all passed off  
 well enough



To day the weather was very fine  
 and beautiful. I got up & left early  
 and looked out we had some difficulty  
 in getting washing materials but ultimately  
 we got in all right. We got to Cornwall  
 and had a very good breakfast and  
 then I got ready to see what could be  
 done. I met my old friend, Bunt on  
 the train, and had a chat with him.  
 He is in difficulty again and has dropped  
 his interference in business. Mother has  
 determined his stay where he is. I'm  
 along again. We passed Van, the great  
 bridges of the Ottawa are some suburbs  
 and some very corn stumps. This  
 is at Candiac. The scenery here is really  
 beautiful indeed and very picturesque  
 as the confluence of the two rivers.  
 Then we approached Montreal and  
 saw the great island bridge in the  
 distance and got along very well up to  
 Bonaventure station where I was taken  
 to my hotel. Then after being there I  
 went and got shaved and fixed and  
 put off in search of James Carter.  
 Found him in the Mercantile Agency  
 office and James & I all right.  
 Then I had dinner with Abby at  
 the Montreal house, and had a drive  
 with him up his lodging house.  
 Saw the harbor with shipping in  
 it and much pleased with the  
 looks of matters.  
 Went to bed in the afternoon  
 heard a few notions but no form  
 and there was no much interest  
 in it. I got back at the usual  
 hour and had tea with me then  
 at the Ottawa house where he stays.



11—Thursday.

So day still very beautiful but dusty  
 did not admire my quarters very much  
 but they were rather pleasant taking them  
 altogether. Got up pretty early and went  
 to the dock and saw the shipping and James  
 Byrnes and I went aboard of the *Hebronia*  
 stranger of the Canadian Line. She is small  
 but really a fine boat her saloon is really  
 an excellent affair and will fit up I  
 should very much like to spend a short time  
 in going across to the old land in one of  
 these floating palaces. A person must feel very  
 comfortable in them.

I went to the lunch in the forenoon  
 and had a talk with Willis on appointing  
 committees. Willis had quite a bit to say  
 on being translated from Montreal to  
 London. My opinion of Canada is not  
 very exalted, there are a lot of fools there  
 from the back townships which to my  
 mind are anything but men of the right  
 stuff to manage the affairs of a church.  
 Went out with Mr. Claxton, Mr. Requeima  
 and had a carriage up to Lacine  
 we had a beautiful drive all the way  
 up and all saw the scenery of the  
 island very well. We stopped at a place  
 and had a drink at a very busy which  
 to my taste is rather just late. Then  
 we came home and had tea at Claxton's  
 and after tea we went to a Lacrosse  
 match on McGill College grounds. Then  
 we walked by the reservoir and had  
 a view of the city it is really magnificent  
 such a view of the great boat city, Casa  
 Ponce above the reservoir and quite a  
 fine affair. It is about eleven o'clock  
 I went to my toilet much delighted with  
 my day's work.



JUNE.  
12—Friday.

So far still beautiful and here  
 the more I look at Montreal the more  
 delighted I am with it. The stores are  
 really magnificent all built of a kind of  
 blue limestone and very well built indeed.  
 The stupor some of them display is very  
 high. I was shown on the top of cylinders  
 how ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~city~~ <sup>city</sup> and could have a fine  
 view of the city. I am much pleased  
 with the appearance of the city in every  
 way. Lynd today was engaged in various  
 business and the Volage question  
 in the morning. Muddling & Fraser made  
 very fair speeches against the affair and  
 then Dr. Sprinkler. I think the  
 Dr. was not up to the mark. He ought  
 to have done better than he did. His motion  
 was seconded by Mr. Mulville, a retired  
 man but who is also a member of Lynd  
 Mulville was not for adjournment  
 and left speaking so that he had the floor  
 tomorrow morning.

Mr. Cameron today went on the  
 boat for Quebec tonight. I was very  
 sorry I could not be here today. I  
 liked the looks of the boat  
 and would have gone but I was  
 afraid I did not in fear of the  
 boat. The affair question coming  
 on tonight. I was quite tired tonight  
 when I got home and I was very  
 much fatigued but I got along wonderfully  
 well indeed. I like Montreal very well.  
 It is a great city and with the  
 much water I think by and  
 by



Today the weather was still beautiful but very dusty in the City. Notwithstanding a plentiful supply of water from the Reservoir and watering carts.

This morning I went to the top of Notre Dame Church Tower and had a View of the City of Montreal. And truly it is a marvellous sight. The Streets were all laid out before you and then you had a City of 120 or 130 thousand of a population at your feet and then the crowded nature of many of the thickly populated parts of the City. Also the irregular Streets leading nowhere, butting up against other Streets and were changing ~~their~~ their names although the same kind of Street. I never saw a finer sight in my life, and perhaps never will again.

I went to the Synod this morning and Mr. Trump moved his amendment to the original motion and was left speaking. And the Synod adjourned at one o'clock until next Monday morning as before. So that I had all the afternoon to myself. I am feeling pretty well this after coming I have walked a good deal and I take Proscuro Market and the room in which the volunteers assemble there is quite a large vegetable market underneath and quite a large hall overhead it is perhaps the largest market I have seen. They are all French butchers that are in it at least the greater number of them are French.

I saw the steamer Belgoise today in the dock. She is quite a large vessel and has just brought out about 800 immigrants from Liverpool chiefly Irish. I got no letter from home yet although I have written quite a number.



Still very warm and beautiful  
 I got up and had breakfast today  
 and James Barth came into the water  
 and we took a walk down the line of  
 the procession of the Fete Dieu, after  
 looking at the arches on St Joseph and  
 Notre Dame Streets we went down the procession  
 and such a procession I never saw before  
 the largest and longest and the greatest  
 number of people were at it that I ever  
 saw and quite a number of respectable  
 people were present several schools colleges  
 in and the host was carried and a canopy  
 over it two priests carrying it and a boy holding  
 up his train and then followed judges and  
 the lawyers, and all dressed in their robes  
 and gowns. Then we had a lot of Cushman  
 in procession after them

I went to Zion Church this afternoon  
 it is a very nice church and a beautiful organ  
 and the choir all sing and so does the  
 congregation in fact it is a very well sung  
 church indeed very few better than  
 it. The sermon preached very well but still  
 it is rather a remarkable manner I never heard  
 any one more strange and then he is a kind  
 of desultory in his method. No news of  
 any moment today I was very tired and  
 after being at dinner with James Barth  
 I stand in the rest of the afternoon. I did  
 not go out or hear any sermon and so I rested  
 I had heard of several ministers in different  
 churches but not any that I cared for so I  
 never did not go out myself. I went to the  
 harbor and saw the shipping and was  
 much pleased by the appearance of things  
 there everything was very quiet on the dock



15 - Monday.

Today still very warm and sultry  
and dusty. To the Synod today the  
whole day from seven o'clock in the morning  
they took two sittings at the of an question  
to be and the six minutes rule was  
rigidly enforced and so we got all the minutes  
through and I thought certain we were going  
to have a vote on it tonight but no our vote  
aid nor vote and it was tabled over. In  
the evening we had the foreign mission and  
a long address from a Mr. Fisher.

A squabble got up between Mr. Kemp and the  
moderator and the moderator ruled that a  
Presbyterian had no right to vote when any of its  
own doctrines were in point and Kemp held  
that they had that they had a right to vote  
as long as they were not ~~settled~~ to the bar  
and appealed against his ruling and the  
Synod voted against Kemp and Kemp still  
persisted in voting and Lang threatened to  
move a vote of censure on him and  
then a man moved that a committee  
deal with him and so a committee  
dealt with him but what will be their  
report I don't know.

I had the pleasure this morning of listening  
to Principal Dawson of McGill College. He seems  
a first rate man in fact a man apparently  
of fine culture and speaks very correctly and  
has an easy flow of language. I should say  
he is one of our very best men in Canada.  
I much pleased at seeing him his voice is  
somewhat shrill but he is evidently a student.  
In the morning I bought a few trinkets  
and among the rest a gold watch  
for Allen Coopers about \$35 worth although



So day I went to the Synod in the forenoon  
 The weather was very fine  
 The vote on the report Question came on  
 O day and it was finally decided nothing  
 but Elders spoke today and the Reverend  
 John Broadfoot, Vidal, Hamilton and  
 two or three others and myself spoke  
 I took as my idea the good I had felt  
 from all instruments in assisting me to  
 say that is in favor of the delegate tour  
 which unassisted, I could not take I  
 mentioned what I thought that the churches  
 in Detroit that had affairs were flourishing  
 better than those which had not and  
 how the Christian work was being pushed  
 there by the young of the congregation  
 I also stated that I had heard the congregation  
 of Zion Church sing and I thought they  
 sang very well and I also said I  
 could not see any authority for clergymen  
 wearing ~~black~~ white neckties or cravats or  
 broad, broadest vests any more than the  
 affairs and I quipped up a few minutes  
 speech with cravats liberty to use the affair  
 if necessary. The vote that Carroll was  
 that the whole question be laid on the table  
 by 126 to 30

I did not go back to the Synod. I prepared  
 myself for going home and I went down  
 in the afternoon and saw the Detroit  
 Bridge it is a wonderful structure and looks  
 as though it might last for a long time I saw  
 its mode of construction and the allowances  
 made for shrinkage and the great power with  
 which the ice comes on it sometimes  
 I bid goodbye to James Barter, and  
 started by Grand Trunk Road at half past  
 seven in company with my friend Mr  
 Baugh in a sleeping car



17—Wednesday.

Today the location still beautiful but very warm and sultry.

I got up about five o'clock and looked out and saw Napawa the County Town of Lemoyne & Addington. The County seems a fine country all round here. I saw the Bay of Quinte and the farming land is just late and crops good all the way. Passed Belleville it seems like a fine town from all appearance in fact I had no idea that Belleville was such a fine town and several other places we passed all of them quite but still a fine country evidently at the back of these towns we got to Cobourg at half past eight for breakfast and had a good breakfast and started again passed Port Hope, Oshawa, Whitby and so on to Toronto. The whole country there seemed a fine country. I took the clock for well got into Toronto at 12:15 Montreal time. And I passed on to Miss Williams mother and there had a wash and dinner very tired indeed and weather very hot.

In the afternoon got my safe which stopped being I went to the Museum and bought it and got a plan of it and then went back again. Business seems pretty brisk in Toronto, a good deal of business is evidently being done. At half past six I took the cars for Hamilton and was fortunately caught by the same train with Alderman Dablin and others. English ships just come out. On the Great Western Railway got into Hamilton at 8 o'clock and walked up to the city and got shaved and then away down again and met Mrs. Smith in her little baby house or parlour and took train for Windsor at 11 o'clock in the pig car.



Still warm and oppressive and very  
sultry quite a shower this evening and  
thunderstorm and a tremendous rain in  
the evening.

I got up about five o'clock and  
found rain poured at some point  
and got into town at about half after  
six. At that time found the children  
all dead to see me and none more so  
than when found. House all unoccupied  
and cleaned up and everything looking  
well.

Belle and Mrs Richards and Charles  
Richards went down to Colchester today  
in the purpose of visiting the folks and  
looking out the land. When I went to the office I found  
very much at times and some good things  
had been drinking and partly for the  
the chapters had been paid in fact he had  
been behaving bad and in some way.

However I said nothing but just as much  
of the chapters as I possibly could and  
and that was the only thing I could do.  
I found when I got home that our  
singing arrangements had all been gone  
through and that when Mr. Brown had  
been appointed and that Collins would be  
back no more and so it will be the  
end of the chapter no more and he said  
to me they were not satisfied with my  
singing and now they may as well  
just take them away.  
I understand the folks are to be  
syllied out for next Monday to drink  
for six days or so.



To day there was quite a shower in the evening again  
not much doing at home to day I feel  
very much refreshed. To day after a  
good night's rest I find that I am well  
the wound on his side is not any longer  
I think a little better.  
I heard to day that poor old Mrs Askin  
had died at Abbeys Farm age 92 And  
old Mrs Wright of Colchester John Wright's  
mother and nearly as much

Barbara was down at the examination  
but not having heard the result I do not  
now know what it was or whether she  
has got any certificate beyond what she  
got last year. Dr. Leasrain told me  
that she ~~was~~ <sup>thinks</sup> very few that could pass  
a good examination and that he  
thought only seven would really get  
certificates. (We expected her home to day  
but she did not come. So we are still  
left in the dark as to her progress in  
that respect.

In our Political matters there is nothing  
new of any moment. The United States  
are in a state of excitement over their  
nominations Grant and Colfax having  
been nominated by the Republicans the Democrats  
now are to nominate on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
and they are quite nervous about it there  
is some talk of Chase being nominated but  
I think that is not likely.

Our Stanton business does not  
seem to do any work in fact Stanton  
has gone to England and will not  
be back again until after the time  
we need them.

I was up at the Marantto house  
this evening but to my mind the  
music was altogether too high.



So far there has been a good deal of rain but not enough to prevent locomotion. We did not have much business at the Police Court today unless it was a squabble shot for up between Mrs. Wether and Lewis Thomas which was postponed until Monday and a warrant issued for Thomas, arrest for non appearance and we sent two watches dead for being drunk & disorderly.

In the afternoon I went across the river to see Mr. McLean to get him to sign for us to move which I accomplished. I then went to the book store of Arnold and saw a few books I purchased a music book the first in and also Matthew Arnold's Anarchy and Authority. I do not know what that can be.

~~Mr~~ Barbara came home today she has obtained at the Board of Public Instruction a certificate of B. first class made the most points of any one present. There were quite a number of very poor teachers present who scarcely deserve the name of teachers.

I went over and heard John By Swann's singing to night but I think he will have difficulty unless I attend. There was no one present who could do anything in the game but myself and I did that pretty well.

I expect Henry would not have liked me to have gone if he singing had he known or they present and at home we wrote her by this morning's mail for Colchester.



21—Sunday.

Today it has been one of the most miserable days of the season. Rained the entire day from the North East and thermometer down as  $84^{\circ}$  above zero.

Went to Coloured Sabbath School in the morning and we had five present. Dr. Mc Larn preached in his true to day and stayed at my house all day. The Doctor is a fair & frank but very heavy in conversation. I should judge he is a man of the old school a zealous Calvinist of the straightest sort but he is liberal besides some of our liberal chaps at Montreal.

Our Sabbath School was not very crowded today and we got along very shortly and very lightly. I gave them some Sabbath school papers which they liked very well. I intend to give them papers until I pay them all I borrow from Montreal.

I heard this morning that the morning star had been sunk with quite a number of passengers on board. One of whom is said to be Harry Barker's wife Annie Archer. It appears eight Barker and his wife were sailing up with some lady friends on board. It is a fearful disaster and calculated to cast a deep gloom over the entire community. We will likely get more particulars in the morning with the Detroit papers.



So day the weather was much better  
but the roads were not good  
Walter did not come home from  
Colchester today I was a little disappointed  
to hear in not coming  
We had two Lewis Thomas also today  
from the Police Court, and Lewis was  
fined \$2 and costs Jack Latham  
was fined on Saturday twenty cups  
and costs so fined the Police Court  
business for today

In the afternoon I saw Port come  
in with a deaf mute, who had stolen  
a watch, from two clients boy  
he was locked up until morning the  
man's name is Parson

No news of any moment today unless  
it be the morning star disaster  
was astonishing heard from Henry Barker  
that the star had gone down so much  
Barker thinks that his wife was  
taken or dragged down by the clerk  
he, having no life preserver on and  
she had gone. Barker says that he  
tried to keep her up as much as possible  
but did not succeed. And he held on  
to her with his legs for a while.

I saw John Sandford Ward and  
thought he had been down along with  
Barney at Amherstcamp. I saw about  
the Lunatic Asylum which appears to  
have all gone over and that the  
doctor was suspended on account  
of drunkenness. I said I heard you  
are going to take away the asylum  
from Essex and he asked what the  
goal have you ever done in it and  
I said we sent only two poor souls  
from this county that were something  
he turned a good deal on the matter



23—Tuesday.

So day is clear fine until about five o'clock when it blew up a great storm of heavy lightning. Rain and wind. We had only one man today bound down to keep the place and he of good humor. Nothing else of any moment.

Heard that Johnson, Blakely had run away last Saturday, cheating a good many quite a number of farmers have been badly cheated and very nearly dealt with by him. Wenden appears to be getting notorious in bankruptcy affairs. Being well known of the fact that he has decamped for party membership. Winding business in the sum of one hundred and four dollars and it appears he has made over all his property to his daughter. No news of where the culprit has gone he went away with his team and his cart full of bottles and sugar beer.

John arrived this evening. She was some time well some had thought that she got home all right. They had been obliged to go into business for fear of the rain in blew and rained so furiously.

She is the better of the trip I think, but she was real glad to get home.

Human news again begins to bother and come up I trust that we shall not have anything to bother us at this point.

To day Sullivan the Detroit Detective came over and the boy's father came and was quite willing that the Gas Monte should go to the other side Mrs. Clement got over her watch in and the other things that he had was taken with him across the river. It appears he stole a cheque for \$77 and some \$25 in money from the office of Dry Dock company.



So say the weather was fine all day  
 This being St Jean Baptiste day Mr  
 Leeson did not come to the office after  
 9 o'clock. They held their celebration at  
 Grandview, and were there joined from  
 Detroit by the Frenchmen's Society of  
 St Jean Baptiste.

So day Mr Leeson was quite upset and  
 the only thing that disturbed him  
 was the Leeson affair when as I understand  
 it half a dozen attachments were made against  
 the Leeson in the place by Thompson  
 and others.

In the evening we that is Mr Leeson and I went  
 across the river to see and hear the Young Men's  
 Christian Association delegates before we went they  
 had organized by appointing Shave Miller a practically  
 blind man one of the delegates from Cincinnati as  
 President this is the third time he has been appointed  
 as far as I can understand. We heard Moody  
 of Chicago address a few words to the people on the  
 Campus Martius as also Miller the President and  
 General Howard President or Manager of the Freedmen's  
 Bureau. They seem exceedingly devoted and earnest  
 men just I fancy that is they are just the kind  
 of men that takes the matter of Christianity  
 into their hands. The Mayor of Detroit in the  
 Church extended the welcome of the citizens of St Joseph  
 on behalf of the Church and the Y M C Association and  
 Mr Peck on behalf of the Methodists. Poor old Doctor  
 he fainted away before he finished his address  
 but I understood soon came to consciousness again  
 I was afraid at the time that he might have  
 been struck down in a fit of apoplexy.

Miller of Cincinnati then spoke very briefly  
 and did it very well. As also General Howard  
 One little thing occurred in the speeches the Mayor said  
 there was one good thing they showed politics as a society  
 But Howard said that this politics was about his  
 neighborhood as himself. And wherever there was a  
 man with a soul there was his neighbor  
 Mr Leeson did not like that part of his address I doubt not his Christianity



25—Thursday.

Today the weather was very beautiful  
the rest of the day  
so day but there being very little I  
did not have any thing to do in that  
line on ~~the~~ today

In the afternoon I went to hear the  
Young Men's Association at Detroit  
and heard some very good discussion indeed  
on how the work of evangelization is to  
go on the men seemed to me to be in earnest  
and were active at the work. I did not  
go on in the evening but I understood  
that the work of open air preaching was going  
on and that we were to have it all the  
time they are in Detroit. I was very sorry to hear  
that my business agent for Dr. Safford was  
sick and that he was stricken with paralysis  
as I supposed he was that night when  
he fell away well poor old fellow I felt that it  
would be a pious death to die in the business  
which he would just be doing if he died from  
what took place.

The church under the leadership of Mr.  
Mr. Miskew held their Strawberry Festival this  
morning and from the bill put out by them  
as also the preparations made I am not only  
not going but I feel disgusted and scandalized  
I think if people raise money by slight of  
hand in a church it is the most contemptible  
and does not deserve the name of Christianity  
that would raise money in that way is  
really very hypocritical. The obnoxious old dragged  
along at the church. What a disgrace an organization  
in fact I greatly know how to deal with  
the matter none of us but Barbara, went  
to meeting and she paid for the tickets for  
the purpose of staying with the club church.  
I see that chief Justice Co-burn in England  
upholds the doctrine laid down by Blackburn  
as being the doctrine of the court of Queen's  
Bench.



To day the weather was excellent and  
 bright and sun shinning all day.  
 In the forenoon we had no work from  
 Police Intimate, and I was therefore at  
 comparative liberty. As I did not  
 go across the River but saw a pretty  
 full assortment of them work in the forenoon  
 in the Tribune and Advertiser.

Poor old John Jeffers departed this life  
 this afternoon at ~~Leeds~~ Oliph as the age of  
 nearly ~~seventy~~ <sup>four</sup> having been born 1794 on  
 the 14<sup>th</sup> July. He will be greatly regretted by  
 a large circle of friends and acquaintances.  
 His news of my mother's other than  
 the Doctor's death I don't feel very well  
 my self today I am a kind of heavy  
 and feel something of my work into me.  
 I have got two or three things I have to  
 attend to that is the Agricultural Society  
 and the Congregation subscription list.  
 Not much news of any moment. I see  
 Stephenson is doing what he can to get  
 Peter McKean out of the Registry Office and  
 and publishing all sorts of things about him  
 in order to ~~let him go~~ turn him out  
 of the office. Which statements are proved  
 to be false as the mischief.

To night I did not go over to  
 Detroit. I was busy arranging about  
 a meeting to be held under the  
 auspices of the Loyal League  
 in our church. Mr. Johnston is  
 going up this morning for business  
 so as to have as full a gathering  
 as possible.



27—Saturday.

To day the weather was very warm  
and sultry.

We did not have much to say today  
I was not very busy.

Not much news of any moment  
the talk is Howland's appointment as  
governor and the disintegration of the  
Union. It does seem strange that he should  
have been appointed.

The Young Men's Christian Association  
today took a ride on the Great Western  
Steamer ~~Union~~. In a couple of hours  
have returned home quite a crowd aboard  
they had no afternoon session at all.  
So that they took this method of spending  
their afternoon.

It appears that John Lubbe had despatched  
his clerk Porter on going with the volunteers  
and drilling against his will he was  
rather roughly handled in the prison about  
the affair.

I got the Gatem today and  
it had a very severe attack on the  
financial prospects of the United States  
in everything she appears to have been  
losing ground. Since the war in fact—  
since 1860 in cows 5 percent over 17  
horses & mules 33 percent and that they  
have no cotton to export not half  
what they had this time last year  
they have already exported 1/8 of all the  
gold in the United States since  
Jan. of January last and their  
debt has rather increased than  
decreased which is doing not  
much for our neighbors.



So day the weather was very warm  
and oppressive the entire day  
Went to the Colored Sabbath School  
in the morning

And Church in the forenoon heard  
Mr Rogers of Hollywood in the  
place of Mr Kemp. He is a low set  
man with an extremely broad stock  
accent and a rough voice with a sort  
of rum in his throat. He preached from  
the words in the bible is Christ Liked  
his sermon well in fact it was a very  
good exposition. And practical.

Sabbath School in the afternoon Soler  
Gouall addressed us in the afternoon and  
he directed his remarks chiefly against  
drinking that is to establish bonds of hope  
and such as that.

In the afternoon Barbara and I went  
across the river to Dr Duffelds funeral there  
was an immense crowd. Mr Kemp said  
a few good things and so did not Mr  
the President of the G. M. & a also said some  
good things but I thought Gouall struck  
the true key note in the few remarks he  
made he seemed to be able to measure the  
doctor in his various matters which appear  
he termed hopes to him and also of his  
being so well known throughout the Church.

In the evening we had a full meeting  
in the Church and Soler Gouall  
spoke pretty well but only shortly and  
then he was followed by Mr Sanderson  
of Newport and Mr Johnston and  
Mr Kemp they did pretty well and all  
expressed the desire of attending trying to  
do something in establishing a young mens  
Christian association.

About twenty remained after meeting  
and expressed their intention of receiving  
members of a G. M. & a



29—Monday.

Today it was still warm but a very heavy thunderstorm blew on this evening but did not appear to do us any harm in point of heat. We were busy at the Police Court today for a short time but it soon passed by and I was a little at liberty and done some painting in the afternoon I painted Minny's bed room.

In the evening we were invited to Mr. Jones' Supper and we had a good tea and John Dougall and his daughter were here as well as Frank and his wife and Messrs. Kemp and Johnston were there we spent a few minutes very pleasantly and then went to the Board Meeting but we had no meeting of Council but we authorised the expenditure of about twenty five dollars on groceries without a formal meeting.

We spent the afternoon of a day in discussion but we did not make much progress in that respect we just we made none it is all very well to talk about saving souls &c. but we ~~do not~~ do any practical work without any expenditure of money it is simply ridiculous to think of it so I will try and see whether we can do much work of that kind it is all well enough to make long prayers but if we do not work we are not progressing any fast.



To day the weather was very warm and sultry in the extreme. There was not much foreign business to day so I devoted the most of the day to collecting for the Agricultural Fair and I succeeded very well in going to a few corners about fifty or sixty names besides about \$40 dollars which I collected. I was well enough received everywhere where I asked them and I promised them happily that the fair should certainly be here this fall or else I would give them their money back which they all thought was fair. The only one that did not give me a good reception was Mrs. Carey she cursed, whined, and wrote me a letter which I was not prepared to receive so I gave her and gave along.

In the evening I read a good bit of a story by Anna Martin a colored man his experience in slave life and as dreadful experience it was. To day the "Morse" blew up with the Quaker "Volunteers" and while near Windsor there was one of the deck hands of the boat pitched into the river and lost his life. It is doubtful whether he was not taken up below the wheel of the boat and put by it near his gun coming on the surface again. I often think how short and uncertain life is and how we are apt to forget ourselves that we are as well like the creatures of a day and know nothing.



1—Wednesday.

To day being Anniversay we had a holiday  
it was very warm still thermometer about  
ninety running then all the time

In the forenoon I went across the river  
and looked in at the Grand Hall and  
saw the assembled wisdom of the  
Republican party of the State of Michigan  
all assembled for the purpose of nominating  
a Governor their whole job seemed to be  
while I remained was to get Presidents  
and our Presidents nominated which  
took them a long time however I came  
away as I was not very well and little  
troubled with a bilious headache I came  
home and did not stir out until evening

I was much pleased with the conclusion  
of John Martin's story it was very interesting  
indeed and especially so by its telling  
a true unvarnished story of his slave life  
which he puts into terse and vigorous  
language. He seems to have been a man  
of considerable perseverance and determination.

In the evening we had quite a display  
of fire works on the Perry boats which sailed  
up and down the river and there  
was quite a number of people out to  
see the affair in fact a great throng  
of people and Charles Bell came up on the  
Florence from Colchester to pay and went  
back this evening the Florence seems  
valley to be doing a smashing business  
and one that will ultimately pay well  
I think.

We all went home about  
ten o'clock. We much better of my  
lack of abstemiousness than I took  
to day and all party well pleased  
with the nights fights and sounds



To day the weather is so warm and sultry / Somewhere among the numbers I think

No news of any movement the Irish Church suspending Bill will be reported by the House of Lords this morning by a vote of 97 to 1912 Majority 93 - Which is a considerable majority but it was later reported when we thought what a conservative body the Lords are now unlikely they are to allow anything like vested rights to have any place amongst them.

We took some information today on parties being begun without a license and it will be tried tomorrow it was Moorey that told us by the flag.

No news of any movement further than a letter by John Stuart Mill to one of his constituents on the Spencer & Co. Prosecution. The letter was a very fine document a true assertion of Liberty.

Our little town has some queer characters about and some queer fellows I believe there are none but have them fables and fables but some of our people are extremely unproductive and very listless. Such for instance as the Irishman Querrin who has failed I understand after building himself a fine house and decaying it over his wife which to my friends is very contemptible and very detrimental to the best interests of Dorset. And to the place his praise and for look just look at his man about as he has failed in Elson the man that ran away by the round house has come back again.

Bulwer of Dorset has been nominated for Governor by the Republicans of Michigan. There is fear among them amongst the Democrats their nomination of a candidate for President takes place on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>.



So deep it has been very hot indeed about  
92. I think

We had the case of Moorey before the  
Police Court this forenoon but it was adjourned  
until next Monday in want of a witness.

Last night I wrote a letter to James Butler  
and also one to the Lake View at Toronto about  
the safe in the office. I also sent a  
paper to him and accused of one

I weeded a little out of my garden  
today and much seed it had for the weeds  
are very bad but my turnip bushes are  
all good with the caterpillars and the berries  
growing off so that makes it bad.

In the afternoon it was so warm I went  
across the river and purchased a lot of  
Labbette School cards with the hymns on them  
in English. They are just what I have just  
wanted. I signed what I wanted all the  
time. We tried some of them for  
and we did well.

I went to hear John Mr. Rogers's singing  
and he did a few things pretty well  
but I think he is too fast. He is much  
faster than even the Detroit choruses  
and they are just enough in all conscience.

Bill was not very well today  
but I suppose it is with the heat.  
In fact the heat seems to be almost  
intolerable.

Mr. Green I think is going to be in  
a better way. He is badly appeared and may go  
off a little from Dr. Buffalo's church of 1  
24. It will put him in a delicate  
position with regard to matters and  
things of the church at Flint.



Today the weather most unusually warm  
the entire day even at five o'clock  
the thermometer stood at 90° in the  
shade at Dodge O'clock at 96

We had some cases before the Police Court  
today which was disposed of two before  
were tried one of them was sent to Jail  
and the other was allowed to go over the  
case on the payment of part of his fine  
else if he could get money today the other  
was fine and the balance of his own

The Herald this morning contained a  
remarkable letter from John Noble a letter  
which in my opinion defies criticism in  
just the rules of grammar and composition  
are all set at defiance

I got the Nation today but I had no  
time to read any of it unless it was  
the criticism on the latest work of  
Miss Evans namely the Spanish system  
The Nation says it is a remarkable work  
and one well worthy the attention of the  
lovers of literature and good composition  
it is well done The Nation says that there  
is not a faulty line in it

This is the natal day of the United States  
we have had a very great number of  
men aspires here to be the Democrats  
have been promoting a President  
today but I have not heard of their  
candidate yet I suppose it will be  
Pendleton if I guess the one that has had  
the largest vote in the country

One of the customs of the morning  
star breakfast was begun here today  
the food from Colquhoun was done  
relation to a man named Whitaker  
who lives



There was quite a change today of about  
Twelve degrees in the heat of the location  
which was quite agreeable to us.

I went to Sunday School this morning and  
told the little coloured ones the story of  
David killing Goliath the Philistine.  
Mr Kemp preached us a most excellent  
sermon today from the words "The righteousness  
which is required by faith" he showed clearly in  
the text how "Ioul himself" was the living  
embodiment of what he preached and so was  
almost every one who was truly converted to God  
and that although we could not exactly explain  
it very well yet he believed they felt it. Then  
he explained what the righteousness of God meant  
that it just amounted to the fact of putting man  
right with God, and that principle was to be  
received by faith.

In the afternoon we had the new hymns  
introduced by into the Sabbath School  
and we did it very well. I thought it was  
a great improvement on some of our old  
hymns. I talked to the children in other  
matters a little about the paper.

I read in the afternoon a part of Dr. Burham's  
speech on the Union question which was a very  
wise document. He embodied in his speech the  
sentiment of Colver. The current opinion Colver says  
as to the principle of establishments being attacked I deny that  
altogether because I don't admit in the case the only case  
in which the words can be used to be any argument in a discussion  
of this description that there is any such thing as a principle  
of establishments at all. One can talk of the principle of  
justice or of the principle of love of your neighbor &c.  
These he continued on things true in themselves they  
do not depend on time or place or circumstances. The  
ought to be observed everywhere and at all times. But  
aspects of establishments time place and circumstances  
must be taken into consideration. I call that conclusive  
reasoning on the subject.

Mr Kemp gave us an  
excellent sermon in the evening on a Prophet not being a Prophet  
in his own country.



JULY.  
6—Monday.

So day the weather was pleasant and  
 nice. Not so very warm perhaps being  
 comfortable for summer weather being hot in afternoon.  
 The usual array of disorders today  
 in fact we are cranky here without  
 them.

Our Democratic friends on the  
 other side of the way although in  
 session on the 5th July at New  
 York did not make any nomination  
 but the Pendleton men are confident but  
 it will do they must give way.

As before we had the final meeting  
 of the Young Men's Christian Association  
 we ~~and~~ adopted the constitution with  
 some amendments we had quite a  
 number present and our friend  
 Blackader was obliged ~~to~~ to withdraw  
 in fact he did withdraw because he  
 talked of having a festival a very strange  
 thing in my idea.

Was elected President and Lucius  
 was President. I am under the impression  
 that Mr. McKim did not like it very  
 well because he was not elected. I  
 hope I will succeed in looking the thing  
 up to the mark and getting all matters  
 into looking order and get my reading  
 room and regular weekly meeting into  
 good train. I notice a disposition on  
 the part of some of the young men not  
 to engage in the work such as George Martin  
 I trust the bad influence of some  
 will not affect him.

Last Buchanan was arrested to  
 day on a warrant of arrest and  
 he arrived with his usual company  
 of William was in town today  
 very large crowds were present.



7—Tuesday.

I was not so well today but got along  
 comfortably well. Great very great  
 the Park. Hannah's case came up  
 today for adjudication he pleaded guilty  
 on the charge of abuse, use and coarseness  
 on the next case he pleaded not-guilty  
 and it was adjourned until tomorrow.  
 It does seem too bad that we should be  
 pained so much with this family. Surely there  
 must be something very wrong about the  
 upbringing of them; and then I think the  
 Mormon Catholic Church is at the bottom  
 as there is more devilishness about that  
 class of poor Irish than any other nation  
 how the Irish are a warm hearted  
 breed of nature but seem unusually  
 credulous.

No nomination yet among  
 the Democrats. Pottery of the State  
 the Pendleton men are looking grand  
 nearly in the convention.

My neighbor Smith the dentist  
 is busy morning and night in a boat  
 that he is preparing to take the whole family  
 up to Lake Superior in. I should be afraid  
 that he would take them to the bottom  
 of the lake instead of to Lake Superior.  
 & there seems to be a good deal of  
 getting ready amongst our constables  
 Sam Port Bates Brown and Brown  
 Sam Port then Henry seems neutral.

No news of any movement today other  
 than what is usual.

Letter from Port and Brown Sam was  
 under the impression that a warrant to  
 arrest Sam Port at the expiration of one  
 year.



State very low and very close  
 Last <sup>night</sup> after I went to bed I was  
 called upon by Constable Brown and  
 he the body of a man that was brought  
 up by the night ferry men. I advised  
 him being tied up under the wharf until  
 this morning when we held an inquest  
 he was found dead about 5 feet 8 inches  
 in height and a heavy set man. He was  
 not the sailor off the Alcester vessel that  
 was said to have been drowned last Saturday  
 at the Puse.

Poor Thomas Lewis is dead with  
 drunkenness. And another woman  
 was cut down very suddenly at Sandwich  
 today.

The Bannham case was adjourned  
 until Friday for want of witnesses.

I read the Gray's country to night  
 and took for my subject the benighted that  
 was let out by its owner to persons  
 and then spitefully accused the servants  
 and killed the poor man. I sketched  
 the antiquity of Parables and then  
 pointed out the error in truth especially  
 the story of Nathan's bow lamb and how  
 he was put in the forefront of the battle  
 then I showed the truthfulness of the  
 Parable its remarkable description in  
 history and the final depiction of  
 the Jews and then drew a picture of  
 our privileges and what we have  
 done in cultivating the vineyard  
 as it has been now copied down  
 Lucia Bell and Barbara went  
 up to Little Littlewood today to see  
 Reddams and Nokes.



9 - Thursday.

Today the weather was intensely hot again.

We were busy part of the day in the Harmonium Club, in taking informations and other matters.

So much we had a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association. And we agreed to put in the summer's room at the hundred and fifty dollars in rent. But in the simple and no put together he was very anxious, shape us in the arrangement but I thought it would not be well and so we decided not to have the arrangement mixed up with us at all we must keep ourselves clear from all party entanglements.

There seems to be a pretty good spirit amongst the young people and we shall be able to put up the rest after we get fairly started. What we shall do will have to be seen we shall need about two hundred dollars a week to look the affair up to as present we have only fifty.

I heard the ship club charge tonight they are getting on fine as far as practice is concerned they seem very well equipped and their harmony seemed complete.

Today the Non-Resistant League and Union as the Democratic Standard bearers they are the men that is to lead the Democratic forces to victory.

Great confuses swept in all parts of Detroit. They are in the British Parliament facing the House of Commons a Lord will give him 2000 sterling a year as long as he lives very good and very worthy Miss Williams left this country for London by the evening train.



Still hot and sultry nor a breath  
 breeze of ~~to~~ cool air  
 I drink beer all day all day  
 up my nose excepting what we spent  
 on the Hampshire roses on what  
 thousands these young fellows are  
 had knows what will become of  
 them if anything was to happen them  
 mother that no money should be  
 for the coming season then.

To day I got some papers from England on  
 father I got them yesterday some of them  
 about Duff made a tremendous speech  
 on D. Israel about some speech at the  
 Merchant Caribbea Banquet about the  
 splendid way he had managed the South  
 Affairs and he took notice how they  
 were now at peace with all the world  
 while before they were continually in turmoil  
 and confusion amongst all the nations  
 of the ~~sun~~ earth almost. Grand Duff  
 said that is seemed when that when  
 the first Lord of the Treasury made his ~~the~~  
 Post Prandial speech that he was under a special  
 inspiration but if he was so he had no doubt  
 he spoke the sentiments of the noble Lord at  
 the head of Foreign Office when he said that  
 he wished when the first Lord of the  
 Treasury made his speech he would  
 refer kindly to ~~Foreign~~ Affairs and that  
 of Foreign Affairs  
 The girls came home tonight from  
 people's weddings there were a few  
 people at least there is a big season and  
 Mrs and Peggy Carter



11—Saturday.

State very warm the thermometer ranging about 94° in the shade. No appearance of rain. In a word we had no solid business today. I put in the whole of the day at adding up my toll, so as to get the exact figures and put my estimates out all right.

In the afternoon I went across the river with Kelly about some hats that is after tea we went through the market but did not buy anything.

The evening was so intensely hot that there was no news of any moment or day gathering than the usual newspaper reports. The South appears to be coming in all reconstructed after that is with the suffrage all right. All the blacks having the votes franchises and some even holding office. This is more than they bargained for. And they with Seymour will count there seems to be no choice Seymour is one of the most able men in the party as a speaker and as a politician but his word is very bad during the rebellion. Then could hardly be anywhere worse in fact he is credited to the Confederate troops and called them his dear friends which is really very bad and better was played off just to put them down which he did with a strong hand.

Now what seems the fitting form had down all the time except some of the whispering rascally creatures of newspapers appear like raising the standard of rebellion and are determined to run to the state which is most unreasonable in my idea and very contemptible.



JULY.  
12—Sunday.

A most intensely hot day, we felt we  
 never have had such a season before there  
 has now been without intermission some four  
 weeks of intensely hot weather.

This morning I went to the Coloured School  
 and as Mr. Brown did not make  
 his appearance, I had to take charge and took  
 up the nineteenth Psalm in which it begins the  
 heavens declare the glory of God and the earth  
 sheweth forth his handiwork day unto day  
 uttereth speech, and night and night unto  
 night sheweth knowledge, &c. In reading I stopped  
 suddenly short, and I said, children / you  
 know or perhaps some of the older ones of you  
 know that when the Psalmist penned that Ps  
 the Queen wrote about Astronomy, and  
 explained to them how we had it at that  
 and so cold in the winter time and I  
 also gave them some idea of the motion  
 of the heavenly bodies. It took the old man who  
 for surprise ~~said~~ and he was very much  
 pleased at what I said. I think he was  
 perfectly delighted.

Mr. Kemp preached pretty well in  
 the morning but it was so hot that  
 we could not enjoy it and we advised  
 him to take a glass in the afternoon  
 or rather evening. We just kept on the  
 Sabbath School an hour in the ~~evening~~  
 afternoon and I did not move out  
 any when I read an article of Dr  
 Bushnell's in the "Herald of Home" to the  
 Ministry as also one of N. W. Dyer on  
 "Arguments" and "Parables" "Fathomed  
 of God" I thought spent the evening  
 very well and although the weather  
 was hot we passed over the Sabbath  
 comfortably.



13—Monday.

Intensely hot thermometer at 98° in the shade which a great deal I was far from comfortable to day in fact I did not sleep well all night and was not very well all day.

We had the Regt and Granahan here & today it was dismissed as the barn could not make a constitution.

We also had the Brown and Granahan case, appointing a constable in the discharge of his duty. Jack was committed for trial to the sessions, he would not let the barn try him if he had done so he would have caught it in fact he deserves. Olee will house the crowd and we must get some of the prisoners. There is no news of any moment.

Some Hitch I understand about the temple taking Lumber from in a meeting room some of them are violently opposed to it. And we had a meeting to night and we had a good many members additional we had one Catholic and we had some others. It will be quite an effort to keep up the matter. I think it is not necessary whether we can succeed or not. I hope we will. I think we want at least \$300 a year to keep matters going. But that would not be much if we succeed well. The festival would do us a good deal of good. We talk of having a library but I doubt whether we can manage it.

Allie poor little fellow is pretty well but he has been terribly taken down with the heat & day which has been intensely severe.



Today the weather was ~~most~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~moderately~~ <sup>moderately</sup> ~~pleasant~~ <sup>pleasant</sup> but even  
~~it had been reasonable~~ <sup>it had been reasonable</sup> but even  
~~there was very all day in fact one~~ <sup>there was very all day in fact one</sup>  
~~of the hottest of the season the thermometer~~ <sup>of the hottest of the season the thermometer</sup>  
~~standing at 98 which is very warm~~ <sup>standing at 98 which is very warm</sup>  
 We had no case of any importance  
 before the Police Court today so I went  
 at my assessment roll and added it  
 up so as to make it ready for the County  
 Clerk

At night I went up to the Mr.  
 Kemp up to Wallerstown and I also had  
 tea with Mrs Kemp I was rather pleased  
 with him he is a simple hearted good creature  
 I often think how little the people do know  
 him

The heat is being felt nearly all  
 over the country a great many cases of  
 sun stroke in New York and other  
 places no such heat has been felt here  
 for many a day I think there has  
 been nothing like it since 1845 and  
 then the heat was not so long sun  
 stroke all over and great numbers of  
 children dying all over the country  
 Farmers suffering for one of labourers  
 and also from the intense heat  
 no news of any moment other  
 than the speculations about the  
 intercolonial Railway in fact it seems  
 a pity that we should be so much  
 still to the rule of the French domination



JULY.  
15—Wednesday.

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To day it was much more moderate  
it did not reach the length of yester-  
day's and cool breeze but  
very dry and very smoky  
No business of any moment  
beginning the Police Court today we  
are having a cessation of hostilities today  
from the transaction of family and other  
of that kind  
I was busy with my assessment  
roll today all day and got my  
columns added up and finished  
and commenced to finish the one  
for the County of Essex  
No news of any moment today  
the continued heat in other  
parts of the country are still producing  
its fearful effects of sunstroke  
and dunks like amongst the people  
Mr Kemp was at the prayer meeting  
today night but it was a poor affair  
I thought his address had been poor  
many present indeed have been more  
present hearing myself a week ago  
I understand William Barrett's  
sister in-law is very ill at Chatham  
not expected to live so it is said No news  
of any moment that I hear of some of our  
murmurs about Howland's appointment  
as Governor but Mr Kemp said the  
blow occasionally but he had  
my mind at present is more occupied  
with Young Men's Christian Association  
matters than anything else I am anxious  
to make the thing as useful as possible



Today the weather still very warm and  
 some clouds rising the great cry is the  
 heat rising again today to the 90° which  
 is a great deal

sun strokes are being shrunk all  
 the time on account of the  
 great heat a fearful mortality of  
 the large cities nothing like it ever seen  
 in a long time. I should not be surprised  
 if the present season be the worst for  
 mortality for many a day even longer than  
 when the cholera became epidemic as it  
 did 14 years ago

So I suppose we have a meeting  
 of the young men's Christian Association  
 tomorrow but their being an excursion  
 tomorrow connected with the cricket  
 club took them away, and we did  
 not have any

I understand our rooms will be  
 opened ~~tomorrow~~ on Monday week  
 then Mr. Lumsden, son I am anxious  
 on that occasion to see that is done  
 with a good deal depends upon me and  
 I must try and make the affair worthy  
 of the occasion

Young men need to be taken hold  
 of and their interests and energies directed  
 in the way of right and good truth  
 and above all to that which will do  
 the most good and what will at the  
 same time enhance their pleasure



JULY.  
17—Friday.

199

Today the heat is still increasing and  
it is well and seems to be hard  
to say it was 92 again today and  
very hot tonight.  
A boy stole a gold watch of the  
captain of a vessel today, and was caught  
by detection Sullivan in Detroit and brought  
him here and kept by Sheriff during the  
night & wait trial tomorrow. And he  
also caught three boys from London who  
had stolen watches there. They were newly  
kept for the detection at London who is  
waiting for them.

I am busy at my assessment roll  
etc. is ready for the clerk of the county.  
I found out today that the appeal of  
the Gasenport was dismissed yesterday  
and that is a true decision in fact is  
in doubtful to me upon what grounds  
my friend could have advised the  
Gasenport to make such appeal.

The harvest is being provided forth  
but there is great scarcity of hands  
and the weather being so hot and  
it is very difficult to get on with  
so that in all respects the season  
is very severe and very heavy on  
all engaged in it.

Several cases of cholera has  
taken place today & understand in  
Detroit and even some in  
Windsor. I am in great hopes that  
our family will not suffer any  
in this way.



Today the weather was most intensely hot. The sun ranging 98 in the shade but in the evening a shower came and the thermometer suddenly fell to 79 & 80 but very little rain fell here. Just died the little boy today. David today for two months in detaching the captives watch with the idea that we may be able get him into the Reformatory school.

No news of any moment today. We got I understood was any near death. Don ~~for~~ by cholera morbus and the stroke. Today were more in Detroit than they have been. Nothing like the heat has been experienced by the oldest living.

Today Mrs. Buchanan and Louisa came up in the house from Rochester. Louisa was very ill last Thursday and looks very poorly indeed. I hope she will soon get better poor girl.

It is said Asoland is to be Sagatha Lieutenant Governor today. It does seem contemptible to have this appointment carried out but our is signed and Mr. Asoland will be the Governor.

Mr. Neup went out this afternoon to speak for Mr. Brown and a deputation of the community and he and Mr. Neup are going to occupy our pulpit tomorrow. There is still a great gash about Mr. Neup and Eliza Neup. I hope we shall hear no more of it. Hurt him badly and I could not like to have it get out. Whis people.

Mrs. Framer died today. She lived opposite Mr. Neup.



So day 2 was more moderate the thermometer  
scarcely reached ninety in the shade.  
I went to Coloured School. And also arranged  
for two Prayers general.  
The pastor preached for us he took the text  
"And there is yet a hope is come. And the glory  
of the Lord has arisen upon thee" He gave us a  
very fine sermon indeed, and urged upon us  
the necessity of caring for the heathen and of  
having them in our sympathy.

In the afternoon he addressed the Sabbath  
school and gave us a very vivid account  
of the mission on the Laschabshawan Valley  
and also asked us to raise \$10 towards  
the mission.

In the afternoon we had the funeral of  
Mrs. Arum and I had quite a time to  
arrange about getting a minister to preach for the  
poor creatures. The pastor stayed and did  
it.

In the evening we had a magnificent  
sermon from Mr. Brown. He said I don't  
think it was preached a better one. He gave  
us the one from the text about the building  
the house on a rock. And the hearing of  
spirit's responses. And the doing of them.  
I can be depicted the choir sang very well  
and all the choir were agreed upon two things  
that was wisdom and folly. And he did  
with a master's hand. Nothing could  
beget the outpouring of the whole affair.  
Many were pleased with it and  
very delighted the flowing truth which  
he presented.



Not disagreeably warm today just moderately so, Mary Minto in the shade  
 today we had some dreams but not many and they were all disposed of without the ~~trouble~~ course of a trial.

In the forenoon I was busy all the day at my roll getting it ready. In Landmark  
 but the afternoon at the school Mrs Buchanan went down with the Algonquin as well as Sarah Cheyne and Adencheys so the boat had quite a load from Wenden.

In the afternoon I finished my roll about four o'clock wrote out an ~~affidavit~~ certificate for Eliza Pearson for a school in that I don't think Mr. Burrows is prudent in taking her out there I hope she will not be hurt as it would be a source of weakness to him to take her out with him and I could like to take him so. If God shall spare me and grant me courage I would like to tell him what people are saying about him through the town I hope I may be able to tell him I think it would do him good.

My nephew George home a night from about Mr. McLean informed me much pleased with his visit.

The Globe had a large article to night on my rowland they say that all kinds of down spoke out the English Campaign whether that be true or not is too bad to have a Governor who is so objectionable.



21—Tuesday.

Today the weather has not been very warm but very dry and very parched the ground. I sent the assessment roll to Landworth today. The other business was not much that we had before the court.

I am occupied with an address to the Young Men's Christian Association for my Monday evening. I wrote today at it a good while and got along pretty well but my great fault is that I am not able enough upon my own powers. I rely more upon some others. I would say however I must make a strong plea for the society. I feel very anxious to draw the portrait of the young man who stands aloof from all Christian effort who is very good as far as character is concerned and who has none of the vices peculiar to some the mean drinks or is to be seen in the company of bad men but who is nevertheless very anxious for glory in the character of Christians who let the law of their transgress be simply that is a great reason why his life should not be given to Christian effort. I am anxious to touch the heart of such young men. I trust the Spirit of God will aid us in the work we have undertaken and that he will assist us.

I think I did a good thing today in telling Mr. Dixon about the grass stones about him and Eliza Martin. I was very anxious that they should know of it. I enjoyed much just what it was. I think thankful to me about it.



Today the weather was very beautiful but still very parched and dry.

We only had our usual number of drunks on today so that I was enabled to go at other work. I was going to have a meeting of the Board of School Trustees tonight but on account of the absence of some of our Trustees we did not have it.

I worked a little more at my address to young men it is really a very profitable subject. One that might reasonably employ the gifts of the greatest modern orators and one that would give life and force to it. I still feel my own want of originality in the matter. I have no difficulty in grasping an idea that may be given me by another but very little ability to think out great thoughts for myself. I should like to have the gift of taking a hold of these young men and chain them to the work of church or that I could dress it up with the beauty and character that it deserves so that it would be attractive and take a hold of the minds of these young men. I wish to say in words that might give attendants it is my desperation to have so few at these meetings. I should like to see more attending and that we could make them more interesting.



JULY.  
23—Thursday.

205

So day we did not have it so very hot  
but, smoky wind from the east  
So day we had before us rather before  
person a man named Frank Reed ~~and~~  
he was arrested last night by Samuel Post  
because he was engaged or a messenger in some  
effort to rob the mail in Ohio or Indiana  
or rather, I should say the express car.  
They ambushed the express car and the engine  
and it started off and then they endeavored  
to shoot the messenger so that they might  
get the booty in the car and the messenger  
fought them like a man and fired  
several shots at them so that I think he  
wounded some and drove off the others.  
Well one of our company is going called  
Frank Reed he was demanded to go today  
before next Saturday  
We had the meeting of the Board of School  
Directors tonight and passed a resolution  
to build a colored school house and build  
a colored school first so that if we do  
that we shall do well. We accepted  
Mr. Brown's resignation for a year well passed  
a complimentary vote of thanks to him  
and we also passed a vote asking that  
grammar schools shall be open. Ashtabula  
Howland was sworn in as governor  
yesterday. There was no enthusiasm about  
the matter in fact the thing was  
very tame and uninteresting and places  
no body as far as I can see.



To day the weather was moderately warm but unseasonably dry and dusty. Any little school work today of any moment. I got a meeting of the Council called today at three o'clock and we had great difficulty in getting a quorum. Douglass was sick and so was Thel and Conway and Johnston could not come. He was busy in some big work I did not hear what.

But Conway came after a bit and Shipley took the chair and we appointed Gambelton with a salary of \$450 per year fire engineer of Steam fire engine. We appointed Norison collector with a salary of \$250. And we passed the estimates and put on 18 mills on the dollar which will be considerable of a tax nearly equal to two pence which is saying a good deal but we could not help it we must have new schools and this is the only method left. I suppose the people will squirm a little but in order to get improvement we must fight a push.

I believe the houses of Congress adjourn today or are to adjourn tomorrow. The political campaign seems very quiet as yet in the States. The Germans meet in Congress at Buffalo today to decide what is to be done and whether they will make a move on Canada or not.

James Hill went to Rochester today by Florence.



Spite very warm and very dry dust  
blinding crops suffering in ruin  
No any other business today unless  
it was the demand of Frank News  
until Monday or Tuesday next. When  
he will be discharged unless some conduct  
in Inthornney. The whole affair was  
handed over to President. The detention  
of Chicago signal of his men are here  
I understand watching the affair but  
I understand they want the record from  
Belvis and consequently will not allow  
any evidence to come to Warden.

The whole detention system of the United  
States and Canada is rotten to the core  
and in fact until it is taken entirely out  
the hands of the governments and then  
made down without boards. The whole  
thing is corrupt. Nothing more can be  
done unless a heavy record is offered  
and the paper the villain the more  
likely he is to get free that is he is  
if the people against whom he has  
committed the depredation is not  
likely to offer a reward.

I got a word of Father today from  
Mrs. Burkman and she was very glad about  
it. She has it up by Florence, James Cheyne  
and Sarah Cheyne. James home from  
Colchester today by Florence.  
No other news of any moment that  
I hear of today.



So day the weather was moderately warm and dust as usual. I went to school in the morning and I had a good talk with my little class but I find the colored mind hard to keep to the point they begin to think of something else all the time and in fact they run to want straddles a great deal.

Our term I marked very well indeed this forenoon and evening too we did not have many at either desk of worship I liked both sermons remarkably well.

I had quite a little talk with our Sabbath School today I was very anxious to make the truth practical on our sermon I did it to the best of my ability and I almost felt my self like to choke sometimes at the picture I drew of the sick and suffering Saviour and I think the children felt it wonderfully. Then I talked to the whole school on the same theme with some effect but I always find that I need preparation all the time I need to read carefully and think what I am to say before I say it and I am always more successful when I do that thing.



27—Monday.

To day the weather was very foggy and smoky in fact fitting sometimes as though we could not see the other side of the room. I was not much like last day I had not my address in the young men ready and I finished that and then we voted to see if we could not get the room fixed up for higher. I put down some chairs in the room and we had quite a nice room fixed up.

I see the Reformers of West York have selected Amos Wright as their standard bearer to fight H. S. Howland who is running for Wright is a good man at least, an honest one and will do well I think although not so talented as he might be yet has considerable experience he having been there before.

This evening we had our meeting in the young men's room and under their own auspices. We were quite successful as far as a good meeting was concerned and we were also successful in numbers. 5 new members in addition we elected 5 new members and proposed 12 for election next meeting.

In my address I was not successful by any means I rambled a good deal and I would have been much better had I read it as I originally intended to do. I was very far from pleasing myself at all counts. Then I was a good deal disappointed at not seeing some of the young men present whom I wanted to see. I had pleaded with them in the afternoon to try well be present but they did not come and hence I spoiled my speech. I was rather pleased with Mr. Cohen Richards he actually got up and said a few words of encouragement to the meeting and he was greatly applauded.



It was still moderately warm today and foggy and very dry and dusty. I was not much taken with school work today but I succeeded in doing my work with considerable labour. I felt all kind of tired. We discharged Ned the Indiana Robber today. And we arrested one from Logan County Ohio for Forgery. He is a Peasum. He had attended the Peasum books of this County of Logan and he had gotten the money with another man's wife and he had a good one of his own. Such is woman and love. He will have to stay in the Lock-up until tomorrow and that will not be very pleasant as far as I can see.

I have been very far from satisfied today with my performance last night. I ought to have read my address and then I would have said more exactly what I intended to say.

The advertisements in the Globe and Leader appeared for the first time today and I suppose I will now be flooded with applications for the school.

Mr. Brown did not seem to like the idea of me writing to the parties at head quarters about the historical observations which we thought we had a right to do and we were not aware that he had received assurances that his money would be all right but so it was I believe.



Today the weather changed a good deal today the morning was very dark and cloudy and about noon it came over a perfect tempest of wind and rain but it was soon over.

The man from Ohio was unimpaired today, about until last Saturday it took about that was all the John business we had and I was not sorry.

I went down to the station to see what I could see amongst the passengers amongst the passengers from London but I did not see any one I knew so I made the best of my way home. I was very tired with a sick headache and I lay down a while and John should come in but my friend William Begg from London and Mrs Begg who had come down with the passengers.

Mrs Begg and I went across the river to see the sight and we went through a few of the streets and through the depot and other places of interest until Begg got tired and I came home. I felt we had tea about half past four and so they went away. I was very glad to see my old friend hale and hearty as ever. We had the Prayer Meeting and Missionary Meeting this morning the collection collected about \$10 which was doing very well indeed.



To day the weather felt pleasant  
after the rain everything had a  
new look on it.

I started to day in good earnest  
after my collections roll and worked  
all the afternoon as hard as I  
could if is not very arduous the  
work I think I will soon be through  
with it.

Carr is not very well he  
had been taken with a cold at  
night on Monday night so we  
lost in him a great deal of  
present business and John & I have

some to make up to pay the Nova  
Scotians. Now that we all stand  
against the same I suppose in  
Statesmanship I will always  
answer.

Mr Carr is to sail for  
Canada on the 11<sup>th</sup> August and  
will be in Montreal about the  
23 or 24<sup>th</sup> of August. He is to be  
home sooner than we expected  
or at least as soon as we expected  
we were to day about the building  
of the school house. I think we  
will buy Remond's lot if possible  
and if we do it then we shall  
be enabled to go ahead with the  
school right off.



Today the weather gave us an immense amount of sun in fact it kept on a good part of the day until night so we had a thorough drying as far as I am concerned I worked the letter day at my old today and got down about 200 names altogether I must put into it now as tight as I can as I want to get it into the hands of the collector very soon so as to make a little money for our present income is inadequate to support the church

News of any importance today it seems as though Amos Waples would walk the course in West York without any opposition the leader is crazy and is trying to do all against him he can but it appears the person in favor of the Coalition will be set up to do everything against him

There is a good deal of cholera and such like febrile and a good deal of complaints of that kind upon

There was a girl named Susan at Belvoir killed by the lightning while she was hanging out some clothes they wanted I really up to hold an inquest and I advised them not to do so he came in this afternoon looking to consult me about it The thunder today was the letter day and the gathering was very good



To day the weather was more  
settled and we had no rain  
the latter day

We had the extradition case  
of Smith before the court in the  
afternoon but a clerk in the  
auditor's office nearly spoiled the  
whole affair he could not locate  
the whole allegation had not been  
made in the book by himself although  
the treasurer felt that they were  
headed he gave the substance of  
a corporation letter to him and  
in that momentary Smith admitted  
the allegation of the papers on page  
342 of Treasurer's Exhibit duplicate the words  
Jonathan Plum 6830 6962 appear  
the 6962 is the tax and he altered the  
figure 6 into a 7 making plum  
pay \$30 more than he was entitled to

In the forenoon the division court  
was held and about 90 cases  
disposed of which is a great deal  
the Ellen case was a remarkable  
affair he denied all O'Connor's  
account and said he did not  
know and we just he denied all  
knowledge of the affair he  
says the old vagabond of the  
deepest die and would have denied  
them if he could but the case was  
put off until next court in October  
I saw Archibald Saw the Lewis  
junior son today he appears to be a  
quaker and looks very well indeed I  
did not know him at first but  
was told by the O'Connor



2—Sunday.

So say the weather was very good the wind from the west with occasional clouds but the clouds brought no rain until late in the evening about half past nine o'clock.

I went to Coloured School today and I gave my children a little talk about Christ and promised them that next Sunday we should commence the history of Christ with them. I went and heard Harry Lee preach to English people and he did pretty well indeed his voice is pretty good as well as his mode of delivery. He preached from the words "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

His sermon commenced with the idea that there were strange loads from one whose life was really an unceasing trial in fact his labours on earth was tedious. But the rest of the text he said was not inconsistent with the labours of the world the idle man was not a man after God's plan. The rest spoken was a rest when the whole family were in harmonious play and in union with the spirit of Christ. That was the rest spoken of his sermon was fair but nothing deep or but I think he is above the average of English Churchmen.

I talked to the children a little about the mystery of the Father the condemnation of our Lord today.

In the evening Mr Kemp preached from Christ and the storm on the Lake of Galilee. There was a very thin congregation.

I read an interesting or a part of an interesting book called "Representations of the life of Jesus" by Dr Johnson a sermon they are answering the objections of human scholars and Strauss and contradicting their theories.



AUGUST.  
3--Monday.

To day it has been a fine harvest day  
for the farmers and one that will make  
them take care of any crops that are outside.  
In the morning we had to wait for the  
carron a good while on account of him  
being at the funeral of one of the men who  
died at the institution. There was an extraordinary  
row about her they will send her down  
right straight I expect.

When Carron came he gave judgment  
in the case of John A Smith from Logan  
County Ohio by sending it to the Governor  
General for his decision and also promising  
to send along with it any arguments someone  
may suggest along with it. There were  
some drinks along with the other cases  
they were all discharged on paying constables  
fees.

A man appears through threw himself  
or was throw out of the window of  
a house of doubtful reputation in Detroit  
yesterday at 12 o'clock and dashed his  
brains out.

In the evening we had the young  
men's Christian Association meeting and  
we had a very good address from Mr  
Lambie and an excellent address  
from Mr McLean on Canada  
and I said a few words chiefly  
urging the young men to try and  
put into the Christian work all the  
kind of work that will be appointed  
charges towards to conduct the next  
meeting of the young men's Christian  
association our meeting was really  
interesting and I think will be still  
more so.



4—Tuesday.

To day the weather has been very beautiful and pure all day and very pleasant not too warm nor too cold.

We had no police business of any moment today in fact we had only one drunk who was allowed to go on promise to pay the constables fines.

Then we had William McLeure's wife who made an information against my husband for maltreating and abusing her. She seemed a droll like looking creature in fact a fearfully bad used creature I think her brother Michael Hall came up with her to make the information and for her put on the upper track car on Sunday Bely Brown in him.

In the afternoon I wrote a note to the "Globe" on the Bot's Lists it seems to me that we ought to make out two lists one for the Dominion Parliament and one for the local Legislature and I mailed it for the Globe to publish. I see by the Globe that poor John Bell has come out as a candidate for West York but I should judge from the caption he must lose he will not make much of a run he is merely a late parrot in the hands of the leather people.

Eden and I went to a Masonic excursion to visit on the Argo but we only went the length of Sandwich and back which was very much if we had continued on we should have not been able to get our tea so we came off.

One of the Atlantic cables have broken somewhere near Newfoundland it is reported that it has been grazed by her Sieberg the water being shallow. There there any other place they will have to grapple is again.

I received the application today of a Mr. Dick a protege of Mess Williams. They are very anxious that he should be appointed. Mr. Williams wrote me about him.



AUGUST.  
5—Wednesday.

To day the weather has really been very beautiful and pleasant all day scarcely a cloud in the sky but moderately warm. We had the case of a bad woman today who had been drinking on the docks she was sent down to jail.

I was busy at my roll all day except a while in the afternoon when I began to copy my proceedings. The Anti-Slavery in the case of Smith's extradition. No news of any moment today that I hear of. Mr. Hunt was quite well to night and I was obliged to take the evening meeting. I just talked to them a little on putting our trust and confidence in God and the experience of the Christian who is our friend in all times of trouble only our Saviour.

I got some papers today one from Dr. Hurd with Political news in it about the election & and Henry J. Whipple which appears to have been a good deal of a failure this year.

In the Times I saw that Mr. Hubbard the man that endowed and built St. Alban's Church is very much dissatisfied with the Naturalistic lectures of Mr. W. G. Cornwallis and has appealed to the Bishop of London to stop him but the Bishop says he could not stop him or interfere with him until next Fall when he reports a decision on the matter.

Don Goodenough is getting better but is far from well his delirious tremors are very severe on him and it appears he was very much gone last night or rather yesterday and Dr. Lambert says that the next time he fits and it will hurt him very.

Don Olden's daughter's husband gave out today and his sister daughter left him dead. She will not be with such a striking but as John Duncan



To day the weather was very beautiful  
Sunny & Cloud in the sky (and mild as  
heart all day

I was busy all day & day in Police  
business just we had boyette the Barber  
who was given up by his Duratus as he was  
parking up off away and coarsely intended  
to put his Duratus in the back in the trial  
in the region of Parker. And then there  
was a warrant of commitment to make  
out for him and it is a special one as no  
form is given in the books

The rest of the day he was busy with the  
John A Smith case of Jorgin getting is ready  
for Attorney General of Denmark.

I was at good deal occupied today on  
several matters such as Grammar Schoolbook  
and going to see the doctor that is I went  
to see Mr Kemp who is very much with  
a bilious attack. Goodenough is still very  
bad of German measles he was like Odie  
and I should not wonder if he did die for  
he seems in a miserable fix but indeed  
it seems to me highly probable that unless  
prompt care is taken of him that he will die  
Baronhail from Larnia was here today he  
had to be with all the day he was down  
in an excursion from Larnia he likes  
London

I see that there has been a tremendous  
~~discussion~~ discussion about Milton's Poem  
in the Times some saying that it is his Poem  
and others saying it is not

We arranged for establishing the bathing  
room to night and will have it in  
full blast on Saturday night. We think  
Mr John Mc Donald's people are likely  
to lose their youngest child to night a  
little girl of a few months old of Cholera  
Infantum



A very fine day all day up to night when  
 quite a storm of rain came and filled  
 all our water barrels in the pound well  
 be the better for it

I was not troubled with Police work to  
 day I was busy the greater part of the day  
 with my collectors (Roll) and I worked a little  
 at it tonight

Helen and Louisa Burhanger  
 were <sup>out</sup> and I worked this evening quite busy  
 at it. Mary Hudderson came in this  
 evening and we were quite glad to see her

I mailed my letter to Secretary of State to  
 report to us on the proceedings in the John A Smith  
 case. The amount for copying alone was  
 \$350 and for court costs and an informant  
 worth at least 250 = \$600 but then poor  
 Barry does not pay me and what then he  
 is a poor creature

I am a little dissatisfied at present  
 I do all the work of the Police Court he  
 does scarcely anything I get \$200 he gets  
 \$600 now I do not think that is about  
 as contemptible an affair as I can well  
 be but I must run and bear it and  
 will have to do so until I get a better place  
 some where else. And I should not be surprised  
 if I try for one

No news of any moment. Mr Van Duzee's  
 baby and this morning at 3 o'clock there  
 has also been two or three births a boy  
 at Sudbyston and a girl at Lauris

Foundation Stone of New City Hall  
 at Detroit was laid yesterday with  
 appropriate ceremonies



So the weather was quite boisterous  
and cool all day.

There was one case at the Police  
Court today.

When Mr. Donald's child's funeral was  
held here today about two o'clock Mr.  
Johnston was present and done the work  
and he did it real well I saw in them  
"I want to be an Angel and with  
the Angels stand" No kump is  
left quite unwell and will not be  
able to preach tomorrow we will  
put a notice on the church door  
that there will be no service in the  
church tomorrow.

No news of any moment unless  
is in the West York election which is  
taking up the mind of the globe a good  
deal. John Bell is going to buy his way  
into the house so it is said but I  
doubt that. I think they must be hard up  
for men that would take either Andrew  
McIntosh or John Bell as their candidates  
after all how little wisdom it takes to  
govern a world.

We established our reading room  
today night it looked real well and  
I hope will be a permanent advantage  
to the young men a good few have  
but it was not generally known as  
well as it might be.

We are promised several good papers  
from outsiders and will get several  
good ones I think.

Miss Riddeman went home today.  
The globe had a flashy good article from  
a school trustee on the grammar schools for  
girls in his off Pyram considerably.



So day the weather was much colder the entire day than we have been in the habit of having it in sometime.

I was very much surprised this morning however I went to Coloured school in the morning but I did not succeed they brought children that were altogether too small and I could not get their attention.

I went to hear Mr Johnston in the morning and he gave us a sermon on Moses and a very good one it was that is it gave us a very good description of Moses before his death, the way in which he led the people through the wilderness and also the manner of his death.

Mr Kemp being unwell we could not get any preaching today so we had others up the church altogether.

In the afternoon we had Sunday school but there were not many present at school we had a nice time and we brought out a good deal of the knowledge of the children and did get well.

James Barth and I went to hear Mr Kemp we found him much better than we expected. He said he seemed to be clearer minded than he has been in sometime.

I did not go to church in the evening I went there this morning I suppose there was enough all the ~~rest~~ <sup>day</sup> to go to church and I read little stories to the children in which they were very well pleased.

James Bell came up from Leicester last night and went to the chimes and slept in the afternoon he and Barbara went to Leicester again.



10 -- Monday.

So far the weather was quite cool and pleasant. All day although the rain was not much it came slowly in the afternoon. We had Mrs and Anderson (again) the court order and we demanded them in regard to the Thomas the longest time we could demand them and they were taken to Andros. Pinkerton's detention was the one that laid the information and brought the charge whether they will be able to get anything against them or not remains to be seen. I am doubtful.

In the afternoon I was busy with my rolls and very anxious to get them through. I put accounts of them into the hands of the collector.

A man walked a rope today from Buttons to MacGill's store so I understood but I did not see him. But there was a great crowd in the street this morning to see him.

We had quite a number at tea this morning all the Misses and Mrs. Van and Mrs. Mrs. Brown Miss Tobias and Mr. Mrs. Mr. Brown and Mr. John McSwain as they are going away tomorrow so they say at least.

Charles Richards led the meeting tonight and did it very well in fact there was a good deal of earnestness in the way he led in prayer but his speech was nothing. I said a few words of encouragement and so did Mr. Courtney and Mr. Holland from Montreal his father-in-law.

I turned to John Lusk proposing giving lottery tonight and he did not like it very well.



AUGUST.  
11—Tuesday.

So day I was quite busy all day with my roll and other matters.

And then I was not in a very good night. I lay in bed I was beginning to think what I was to say at the Young Men's Social on Thursday and this was a very easy matter. I say what you have to say and say it well and gather as I have not been able yet to ~~reflect~~ write a paper on the subject that pleases. I find so many thoughts crowding into my mind during the day that the one crowds out the other. And hence my mind is by no means settled on the subject and I find on comparing notes with some of the others that they are in the same fix.

It seems the Cabinet's preparation to Nova Scotia did not result in much good to the cause. The Ministers are coming home without having accomplished anything.

West York told that Agassiz was two hundred ahead the first day which is a good deal. It shows the Nuptists that they cannot have things all their own way and that they are making one of the complete messes of the work that we have heard of. Nothing of any moment has occurred through the County. Mrs. Lee the Grammar School Teachers Association goes strongly for the admission of girls to the school.

James Bell and Matthew Brannan came up from Colchester today.



As was to be expected West York has  
has elected Amos Wright by a very  
large majority and thus rebuked the  
sovereigns they are evidently ~~not~~  
not very popular at present in the  
county! At large and I should not  
be surprised at a regular dissolution of  
the rate from the doomsday building  
I am now my mind today turned  
around to all whether I can get up from  
the memory of the past and from my  
own experience anything that will be  
suitable for an address on the occasion  
of the Local of the Young Men's Christian  
Association which is to be held tomorrow  
night.

I have been thinking on the life  
of Christ as the highest type of Christian  
philosophy I know of no other better suited  
to our wants and wishes we may remark  
the pages of history from its beginning to  
the journey of time and I know of none  
that is productive of so much good.

We had the prayer meeting this evening  
there were not many present  
and we are not very interesting  
at these prayer meetings no help  
does the whole of the talking himself  
and there is of such a general nature  
that we do not feel as though it helps  
us at all and I have no doubt that  
you are all more or less tending to  
be so and in far hearty thanks

Sometimes

Arthur and Mrs. Green and family  
have left today all his furniture  
left yesterday of the day before when  
was certainly lost out of his most  
trustworthy or rather one of its  
most intelligent citizens by losing him  
my and Miss Buchanan left  
today for settlements for a short time



AUGUST.  
13—Thursday.

To day the weather was good  
and fine and cool  
I was busy with my rolls getting them  
ready ~~better~~ for Boston as I make no  
I could but the miserable poor  
business keeps me continually busy  
and then it is such a business  
as it is not worth the spending money  
I worked hard at my roll & then all  
day so as to get it ready for the  
collection.

The Young Men's Association  
social came off to day and we  
were agreeably surprised by the large  
attendance especially of the young  
people.

I talked to them a little but  
I really love to do it to my own  
satisfaction I may have uttered a few  
good things but I did not do it to  
please myself. Mr. Johnson gave  
us a regular highfalutin speech about the  
common and its capabilities. and also  
that it should be inhabited by a  
Christian race. Mr. Hunt said  
a few things very well and to the  
point but he just looks at the  
we ran out of the meeting as soon  
as he was done.

Mr. Hunt followed and pretty well  
they refreshments after that we had  
a Mr. Baker a good speaker who was  
very strong in his expressions  
and then followed Mr. Mudge  
of the Young Men's meeting on the  
evening. He was really very good indeed  
and spoke remarkably well but  
then he did his joking.



AUGUST.  
14—Friday.

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To day the weather was pure and cool. The Captain will sail to day from England this way. Mrs. Gamark is going down to meet him. The people were all well pleased with the party last night. In fact they said it was the best party they have had for a long time. The band was well and had just too much speaking and too little nursing. The girls were well behaved and when Mrs. Brown sang pretty well. The girls girls that came along with the Lambie I suppose they will then horses are very trained and are of the very highest order. They delight in all I am now looking out for my party on arrangements and I am going to give it to them a week from Thursday if possible. Arrangements are a very pretty subject and one which will please the minds of older men than me and men of deeper thought and better grasp of intellect. Now we are to describe the units of amusement and how we are to deal with the matters of such report as this is the greatest and the great part will be to try and obtain from some authority if possible some rule for our guidance.



AUGUST.  
15—Saturday.

1st day the weather was warm and  
fine we have very fine weather  
taking it altogether

I headed, ran my book or at  
least the two first wards to  
Rouson and told him to go ahead  
with them then and I would get  
the others ready as quick as I  
could

We had a meeting of the Board  
of School Trustees this evening we just had  
32 letters read before we came to  
a decision but there were not many  
just rate certificates. It was  
finally narrowed down to three  
Scott Johnston and Guy and  
Johnston for is he having  
made a general lapsoe which  
was quite successful in him  
a resolution about the girls  
was also passed and we  
let our the school house to  
Arthur who was \$1050 which  
was certainly a very reasonable  
sum in I thought it-  
to cost more than that by \$150  
We were in a position and  
Mr Dr. Brown from Crete was  
here he turned about as got to  
be knight as a Bishop, he  
surprised them then in fact  
he was pushing them that was  
the chief in fact we want to  
get the Musky means out



16—Sunday.

So day the weather was fine and pleasant all day.

The girls having all left and Helen the children and I went all alone and we got along very well indeed we had no difficulty and of course we enjoyed ourselves greatly.

I went to the Block School in the morning I did not have anything remarkable there unless it was that little class about Jane but even then they were quite different.

No Kemp preached as usual he was weak but got along very well indeed.

I was pleased enough with him. The only thing that I was troubled about is the happiness of our congregation it seems a kind of them but then it will get that way in the warm weather of summer.

At Sabbath School we got along slowly but children do not get much from the teachers they do not study much to get much in fact no one can make the Scripture narrative interesting who does not study hard page and line or is in fact the more I see of these things the more I am convinced that no one page or verse of the Bible can be mastered so as you can communicate it to others without being careful study.

So perhaps there was the usual attendance at church but no Kemp did not keep us long.



AUGUST.  
17—Monday.

Today the weather was fine all day and  
cool. I wrote letters to all the Leathers  
whose applications were successful on  
Saturday night and I sent both  
a telegraph and a letter to Mr. Johnston  
he is in a place where I could not  
telegraph either but I sent one to Portland  
and he forwarded it to him in all probability.  
I have no doubt many of them are  
greatly disappointed that we could not  
help it. There is not much news of  
any importance unless it be that  
the Nova Scotians are more violent  
than ever and that some of them  
talk of rebellion altogether and are  
determined not to put up with Union  
John & Mr. Donald leave home and  
are none the better for their pains  
we had all fresh James Woods  
folks at sea & a paper and a  
very good evening we had and  
all seemed very comfortable and  
very pleasant indeed. A more pleasant  
evening we have not passed for a long  
time. Fresh James is such good  
company and full of good stories  
in every way.  
We had no concert meeting to  
night I did not go to the young men  
meeting John McLean managed the  
meeting & night.



I say the weather was fine all day  
we had today the celebrated ~~Thurs~~ and  
Anderson case before the court. The return  
day after a witness by the name  
of ~~Conley~~ was sworn then found  
on the part of the prosecution tending  
as evidence the depositions of witnesses  
taken before the Justice of the Peace a  
Justice of the Peace in the County of ~~Jeff~~  
and no doubt taken before him for  
the purpose of the present trial which  
to my mind is a clear violation  
of the statute. ~~James~~ is said not  
quite tonight but the day that  
he proposed to decide was that they  
must produce the express messenger  
who could identify the prisoners before  
he would consent to have the deposition  
taken but he may receive new light  
on the subject before morning. I have learned  
of a good deal of excitement since  
has been returned in the prosecution and  
and ~~obscure~~ in the defense and  
there is a good deal of sharp shooting in  
the matter a good deal of cross firing  
and what the end will be I am unable  
to see.

Prattton is a curious looking mortal  
they say he is an Irishman and  
some say he is a Scotchman. What  
he is I do not know but certainly  
he is an extraordinary looking individual  
and very extraordinary acting on as  
ever I heard never heard of a man  
doing the tricks he is said to do in my  
life it is said he has no difficulty in  
convincing honest men at all.



AUGUST.  
19—Wednesday.

So day there was some rain but  
no much a nice day the entire  
day. This has been rather a  
peculiar day in the annals of the  
police court. Mr. Carson refused to  
swear the evidence or rather deposition  
of witnesses taken in this and  
the consequence was that there would  
not be the witness Harkins  
at the examination and consequently  
Carson discharged the prisoners but before  
they were discharged Mr. Mucken ship  
out and issued a warrant and  
had them arrested. This was in  
shooting with intent to kill the Adams  
Whiskey the conduct. They were arranged  
before Mr. Mucken at Sandhough and  
I went down to see what was going  
on and I saw that things were going  
to take a rather curious shape down  
there in the first place there seemed  
to have the court cleared which was  
frankly and all were cleared out  
of court but those usually connected  
with the administration of justice  
I find in conducting the case there  
did exactly what he did not do  
before Carson. In fact he would not  
do it before Carson. Now what says  
he the motive I do not know for Mr.  
Mucken interfere. He seems to adopt  
the very same line as Carson laid  
down and if so why need he have  
snatched the thing out of Carson's hands  
that is inappreciable to me and in fact  
I don't see it at all what the motive



AUGUST  
20—Thursday.

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Today the weather was good as usual  
Our business before the Police  
Court is happily not much at present  
no new phase came up before the  
Court as I anticipated. Mr. Murken has  
not yet shown his hand in the  
business perhaps time will develop the  
affair after a bit in talking with O'Connor  
I find from him that he is unable  
to do anything in the matter in fact  
he does not yet see the reason why  
Mr. Murken snatched the affair out  
of O'Connor's hands at all or what  
could have been his motive. There  
was no new evidence today of any note  
taking further than merely establishing the  
fact that such a robbery was committed  
and that there were certain pistol shots  
fired at the conductors.

I was very busy doing all I could  
today in fitting ready my essay for  
next Monday night. I have had  
some ~~extra~~ research today and I  
was out at Detroit the other day  
and got a very good book from Boston  
Library on the Moral questions affecting  
Man. And I am growing some  
things from that. I hope I shall be  
able to give them something interesting  
something that will do good to the  
whole people or at least draw  
men's minds towards a little thought  
on the subject.

There has been a great deal of talk  
today on the subject about Mr.  
Murken's taking the case out of O'Connor's  
hands. Well I will come up today  
from Colchester.



The weather was the same as usual. No rain or change of any moment. It was very warm however. I finished or put pretty well through with the last roll in the collection I think. Well, it is Sunday tomorrow if possible I have the roll to go up today. I have finished all the names.

Our some business things do need to be done. It is very light and it enables me to get on with my other work. No much news of any importance. My paper is very interesting. All my attention is put in it. It is very interesting to much of my attention. And I have not been getting such good sleep lately. As for the whole thing, may not be worth my labour. I put in the time that I would had if on Monday night. I said so tonight. So that if I can get there I must do it. Such has been my feeling about. There is no news of any importance that I hear of. Unless it is that the struggle is getting very fierce on the other side of the river. In fact all sorts of names are being called at one another. One time and it is hard to get at the truth between them. Mary and Louisa came in from the settlement this evening.



A beautiful day all day  
Mrs Bell came up from Colchester  
day she seemed in good health and  
spirit. She was a very acceptable visitor  
we always like to see Mrs Bell  
There was a large number in  
Lan Day that John Keane was  
dead but I could not trust it  
anything at all. I understand  
he is quite sick.

I finished my Vol Day  
and handed it over to Rowson  
who is ~~prosecuting~~ his labours among  
the rate payers as fast as he can  
I wrote until I nearly finished  
my essay this afternoon I have  
made some alterations in it  
and I have made it a little  
longer than expected it would be  
it now fills about forty glossy  
water pages of a book something  
like this.

It appears that the Nova Scotians  
are not better pleased than they were  
before and that and just as ~~conclusive~~  
as ever and that nothing will  
satisfy them but appeal.

Laura Buchanan had been quite  
swept out at the settlement in fact  
the weather was just as bad here as  
at home it seemed rather remarkable  
to be so but so it is.



So say it was a nice day all day. I went to Coloured School in the morning and took charge as John McLean was away at Hunt. I had to them the Psalm 137 about weeping at Babylon and they were very much pleased at the few words I said to them.

Mr Kemp preached very well today especially in the morning it was a good sermon. Our Sabbath School was small I talked to them a little about the usurpation of our Saviour and I think they liked it very well.

Mrs Bell and James were at Mrs Chrym's dinner then Mrs Barker and her went across the river. Mrs Slater and wife were very late before they got back again. I left the sleeping bottle in my room and coming this day on a road of my trip asking one to day do it. Ma was not well pleased at me for doing it but I could not help it. I did it and was thanked for it. There is no news of any moment that I hear of at present on today.

We had Mr Cummins Mr McSwain's friend at sea this evening and had a nice chat with him.



So day it was a fine day all day  
 (No much doing business today  
 of any account I finished my essay  
 and read it at the meeting tonight  
 Mr Woodbridge led the meeting  
 tonight and we were much pleased  
 with him in fact we were all delighted  
 at his mode of conducting the affair  
 I was elevated in mind at the thought  
 of the young men doing so well and  
 turning their attention to serious things  
 I hope it will be the means of doing  
 much good

I read my essay tonight and  
 some liked it and some did not  
 like it but it was praised by  
 some greatly and I am not sure  
 that I took high enough ground  
 The question of amusements so seems  
 a matter that I very much doubt  
 whether any judgment that we  
 can pronounce on it will be of  
 any value We ought to look  
 at all these matters in the  
 light of Christianity and look at  
 it in the light that Christ would  
 have looked at it but we cannot  
 look at it in that light our  
 nature is often perverted  
 We had no meeting of the Council  
 tonight although it was the regular  
 meeting



To day the weather was fine all  
 day but very warm.  
 I used a little of the day  
 from the hard work I had last week.  
 There was no much done to  
 day we went up to Aunt Mary's  
 today to dinner and then they came  
 down here for tea. That's all.  
 Margaret came down for tea  
 along with Mrs. Bell.  
 Barbara came home today &  
 don't think she will come home  
 today at least that was my  
 impression that she would have  
 preferred going into Archbishop's  
 and staying there awhile. There  
 is not much that is exciting at  
 present. There has been quite  
 a number of express robbers ar-  
 rested at Toronto for robbing the  
 express car on the Hudson River  
 Road. Some of the ladies had  
 quite a number of rather quantity  
 of money on them. One lady had  
 \$2500 on her person and others  
 with more or less of a like kind  
 of stuff. Mrs. Bell is very good  
 company. She likes to stay here. I think  
 better than any other of the places  
 that are present. There is no  
 other news of any moment that  
 we can hear of worth recording  
 here.



To day the weather very fine all day  
and pleasant.  
John Weaver died last night  
at ~~his~~ home of a kind of  
cholera morbus. He was a very curious  
sort of man somewhat crooked in  
his business and very awkward  
in some of his dealings.  
Brother in law the Rev. Mr. Gibson  
Warwick in Lumberton he has  
been living in a long time his system  
appears to <sup>have</sup> been running down for a  
number of years ~~to~~ <sup>just</sup> and he  
has been some say a great <sup>opium</sup>  
cutter in a long time and he appears  
to have been struck with a kind of  
paralysis in some times. Within weeks  
Mr. Gibson been healthy. Subjects in  
fact poor Weaver has been a walking  
corpse in some times.  
I conducted the prayer meeting  
at night in the absence of Mr. Thompson  
and a very good meeting we had  
in fact we did remarkably well as  
to numbers and we had a number  
of young men present. On a report  
of the Newbury meeting I asked  
them to come upon seats numbers  
next night if possible.  
I called at Weaver's to day  
to say that if I could be of any use  
I would gladly assist them.  
~~Rev. Mr. Gibson the Grammar~~  
~~School teacher has arrived~~



AUGUST.  
27—Thursday.

Today the weather was fine all day but pretty windy and the road dusty.

No other business of any moment today.

A social gathering was held this afternoon at half past two there was quite a number present and we went to the church at Southwick and got some of the most watched stuff of music from Mrs. Fann and others. At the funeral I can hear.

Charles Stutz died at Southwick yesterday morning in about six hours illness, but he has been feeling very fast for sometime indeed I understood he had been trying to make away with himself for sometime so it is well away.

Mrs. Berkeley the Sansapman's wife died yesterday. She was quite an invalid in a certain way for a long time.

They have not brought down the doctors today yet. They must surely be burying it. When he died at Warwick perhaps decomposition had set in so heavily that they did think it best to bury him home.

They say John Wagon was only 17. I should have thought he was more than that age.

Yesterday the Democratic Wyloam fell and killed one or two men in its fall.

The teamer arrived tonight from Scotland.



28--Friday.

To day the weather was fine and pleasant

They did not bring down Doctor Duwors body at all it appears they buried it at Warrenton

They buried old Mrs Buckley today. Mr Winkler seems to have been carrying things with a high hand he has turned out all the constables belonging to the town in the Reno case and taken his own men on and put a guard round the court house of his own government detectives.

It appears that he and John Storrer had a good many talks today and we got from what Storrer told me he was endeavoring to get unfamilar in the matter. I would not like to trust Mr Winkler much he is a treacherous dog in many ways.

We were all at Uncle Samuels Nobles tonight. We had quite a party of the friends. Mrs Day accompanied Aunty Betsy. She is a woman from Pontiac.

I am looking up a little on my next Sabbath School lesson. I find that I am not better posted in these matters than I ought to be every day. I feel very sorry about coming in scriptural knowledge. There is some General Convention at New York at present trying to reconcile all parties within.

Mr Johnston the Grammar School Teacher has arrived. Bill Brown left today for the County of Mure.



29—Saturday.

To day the weather was fine  
all day very pleasant  
no news of any importance  
worth speaking about.

There is a good deal of sickness  
abroad at present especially amongst  
children. Sam's has one very ill  
and several others that I have heard  
of. The weather appears to be very  
agreeable upon children in fact in all  
the large cities the mortality has been  
tremendous more so than ever before.  
My friend Will now has his  
children all right he is going to  
send his son to Mr. Johnston because  
he is a doctor he did not like Mr. Brown  
and therefore he is not badly pleased  
at the change. Well, I cannot say  
that I am badly pleased neither  
on the fact is he was an opponent  
body god of the doctors and fans  
of that kind.

Mr. W. learned, came up to  
tomorrow to take me keeps place  
I went round amongst the people  
as far as I have as many as  
possible. They are going to have  
a day for from 200 to 300 people in  
the Methodist church tomorrow  
and one from the Y. M. C. A.  
of Detroit. Mr. W. is to  
preach tomorrow night. They all  
always having something sensational  
of that kind.



To day the weather was very fine  
all through

I went to the colored school in the  
morning and took charge of the school  
I talked to them about the parable  
of the ten virgins and I made use  
of the recent deaths to enforce the subject  
of the 13 verse of the parable namely about  
watching for in such an hour as we  
think not the Son of man cometh

Mr. Mc. Searned preached pretty  
well both times today and we had  
some very good impressions in his sermons  
but the trouble with him poor man  
is that he preaches altogether too high  
doctrine in fact he preaches a Calvinistic  
theology so much that he sometimes loses  
sight of the main question

The Sabbath school was not any  
better today as to numbers but much  
better I thought as to quality I

am very anxious to have them  
inducted into all the truths of the  
Bible

I had a fine run out of a  
Sabbath school work that I have and  
I am anxious to prefer by in as much  
as possible

I heard today that two mills  
at Milliken were burnt and in one  
of them a man named Sam. Otten  
and his family were burnt namely three  
persons it is very bad and of it is the  
work of an enemy it is really too  
bad altogether



AUGUST  
31—Monday.

There was quite a fair day all day at intervals. Thunder and lightning after the usual show business was over today. I started for Billy Town and got there about dinner time. I found the place in an intense excitement in fact the people seem to have lost their senses. All were blaming Chesson and Nolinge and the corner was about as foolish as any. All sorts of questions were put to the lecturers but nothing was brought out that I could see that would incriminate any one at least as long as I stayed. But what seemed to me the worst of all was the utter prostration of the business of the place and also the great want of morality amongst the people.

I came down from there in the afternoon remembering upon the transitory nature of all earthly things and about the dangers of the human race at least part of them. For it seems certain that both hills had been burnt down by an incendiary and three persons had lost their lives. On the train from Billstown I met the two Miss Williams Martha and Eliza and had a pheasant shot with them all the way down.

In the evening we had the Young Men's Meeting. Thomas Woodbridge led and did pretty well it was supplemented by me a little. His great theme was little children love one another and I helped him out with it a little. Then we had a few words on the essay on amusement and Mr Lambie said that he had been arguing about the essay all the week and that Mr Markham and Mr Purpus had been engaged in a crusade against it.



1—Tuesday.

There was still a little effort on the part of the  
 weather today of being showery and damp.

As news of any moment. The Bell River  
 tragedy goes on apace. I understand the  
 people served Mr. Osborn with a notice  
 not to defund Moses Roberge and they are  
 beginning to talk of leaving him and whom  
 whatever may be the trouble. One thing is  
 certain that the people of Bell River are  
 very ill prepared to give the people of  
 presumer Roberge justice. It is really  
 a fearful state of affairs when we see a  
 whole community so much opposed to a man  
 as that it takes him a sort of unreasoning  
 hatred guided by no sense.

Today I was taken out by George Shipley  
 to a New gravel road. He had under  
 way building is between Windsor and  
 and Sandwich East it was the great  
 thing with George Shipley in fact he knew  
 me a sort of cry. I on several of  
 these subjects.

Mr. Kemp came home today  
 from Colchester and was apparently some  
 better of his pain. I was glad of it  
 because it saved me some sitting up.  
 In the prayer meeting tomorrow night  
 he seemed much pleased with Colchester  
 and said he was going back again  
 as soon as he could.

To day there is an election very hard  
 in ~~Stamford~~ Vermont and some anxiety  
 will be felt to know the result tomorrow  
 morning.

James Bartholomew has had  
 a young man from some one out to  
 for work if possible he is a real business  
 he has been out a little over two weeks  
 now.

The schools were all resumed today  
 in Colchester. The new teacher took hold today.



To day we have had one of the most beautiful days of the season. The Belle River Grading is now on it and I understand they have determined to commit Chisum as well as Poirer. I never heard of such a state of affairs in my life never what well come of it is hard to say.

To day I have been busy sitting in my safe into the office and a pretty time. I have had of it with some of those stupid Dutchmen of apples who did not do them work. After we got it was well that we were all away from the safe for it was back again on us from the top of the platform in front of the Town Hall. But after a hard struggle we got it in all right and into its place but it was all we could do with the day light at our command.

We had the Town Meeting to report but few attended as Mr. Jamie was quite well. Mr. and Mrs. Chisum had some objections and my folks had some across the water to some person by the name of Collier and had tea there.

I see that the trial of Whelan for the murder of Mr. Lee is to be held at Ottawa on this week or on Monday next at the farthest. John A. Cameron, Kenneth McKenzie and Mr. Cameron are all engaged in to defend Whelan.



3—Thursday.

To day the weather was fine and  
fine an occasional cloud but not  
much.

After the usual Police business  
to day I began my work in making  
out my returns for the Quarter Sessions.  
I apparently have a good deal of that  
kind of work today there is in fact  
I worked as hard as I could all day and  
for about eighteen done so that I will  
soon be through with them.

They committed this one and Roby  
to Gaol today to await their trial at  
the next assizes for arson and murder  
for that is really what they will have  
to stand them trial ~~about~~ for that. as far as  
I see there is not a little of real  
evidence against either Roby or Chapman  
but I have not been able to see it all.

To night the Gun Club met but there  
was not much of a meeting as some  
was away. There was also an expansion  
of day of the seasons to Amherst though  
but it did not take place.

In the evening I saw Mrs Chyng  
who had come back from Colchester who  
says that they were very sick all the  
day going down. That is Mrs Bell and  
her and old Mrs Chyng to

Blackader and Angus are still engaged  
in a crusade against my essay and  
doing what they can on their account  
to break down the Young Men's Christian  
Association - a very laudable task indeed.



4--Friday

So day it was quite cool all day  
 we had nothing but returns  
 to the lessons & work of this day  
 And we finished them & made  
 altogether something like \$2 I think  
 altogether

We had a meeting of the  
 council to night and done what  
 little business there was to be done  
 there was a great deal of wrangling  
 going on between Dargall and Shipley  
 which to me was positively disgraceful  
 accusing one another of all sorts of  
 things and doing all sorts of things  
 amongst which least worthy improvements  
 & such other profits. Lankum was not  
 there but all the rest that could  
 fit there was there

I saw that Vermont had given  
 a large majority for the Republicans  
 at its voting on Tuesday last  
 and I used then hopes to night  
 as to put the papers in ecstasies  
 And the Free Press will not mention  
 the election at all

Now John seems to be getting  
 more and more into a state of  
 rebellion and in fact they talk  
 of getting into an alliance with  
 the United States so that they may  
 shake of the yoke of Canada



5—Saturday.

To day the weather was bad all day  
 I got my desams look all  
 ready done excepting one lot of papers  
 which I have to copy had  
 In the afternoon we found Tom  
 Manning \$200 and costs for abusing  
 Johnston Richardson at the dock here  
 thought it was better to take that plan  
 than commit him to jail.

In the afternoon I earned \$3.40 by  
 writing affidavits for Colonel Wood  
 of the district court at Washington  
 He is really a paper fellow and  
 he is chief of the impression that  
 some of the Express Company are  
 engaged in copying the company and  
 laying plans for doing so.

To day I gave Doctor Andrews a cheque  
 for the balance of his account and  
 I sent it down to Blackader to get  
 him to audit it and he refused to  
 do it and I wrote a pretty sharp  
 note down to him about the affair  
 which put him in an awful state  
 and he was like a crazy man I  
 understood the rest of the day  
 he ran to James Graham with it and  
 to Cameron and also to Douglass.

I wrote a note to Douglass about the  
 affair and Douglass thought it was  
 too hard and took the blame  
 partly on himself however some  
 of them think that I should not land  
 another thing to be audited at his store.



So dry it has been quite sunny  
all day with a good deal of thunder  
and lightning up to the evening.  
I went to Coloured school this  
morning and talked to them a little on  
the parable and I spoke to them  
about some bad children that I saw  
in the street.

Mr Rump preached from the words  
God so loved the world that he gave his  
only begotten son that whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish but have  
everlasting life. A dream it shaken  
up sermon nor worth listening to.  
Our school was small today  
on account of the rain. I talked  
to them a little about John the  
Baptist.

In the evening we had no  
service on account of Mr Rump  
being sick. He was taken unwell in  
that afternoon.

I read in the evening a beautiful  
story of the work of a lady in the  
Christian work when she was the  
means and food of converting a great  
number of a prison by her beautiful  
words of kindness and an action  
of kindness.



7--Monday.

Today the weather was fine but  
cool all day

We selected the Jury today and  
got them out of the way (the three  
assessors and the mayor and myself  
no other business of any kind  
today)

The new trial at Sandwich  
has been again adjourned until next  
Friday for final adjudication

Mr. Nisbet is tired of it and declares  
it was done in some, a rather funny  
kind of arrangement that the local detentions  
shall treat all hands over the affair  
and have them eat at his expense.  
I never heard of anything like it than  
must be some thing very corrupt in  
the matter and then what was  
Mr. Nisbet the Police Magistrate here of  
Loronto doing here that is another  
question all of which will have to  
be solved some day

I had a very nice letter from Mr.  
Blushahn and returned as soon as I  
could again and so I suppose we  
are friends

We had a pretty fair business meeting  
of the Young Men's Christian Association  
and several members were admitted  
but none proposed. I gave them  
a few ideas about essays and other  
matters and we are going to change  
our day of meeting from Monday  
that the monthly business meeting

I think James L. is not very  
well at present he talks of leaving North  
Mr. Lyon in New West next week  
Matthie Williams Court School  
today



SEPTEMBER.

8--Tuesday.

To day the weather was quite cool. All day until night when it even thundered and lightened a good deal and was quite a storm.

No Police business today of any moment. I got the returns all ready for the seasons as well as my own account. The trial of Whalen the murderer of Mr. Lee came up yesterday at Ottawa and Whalen was prosecuted by O'Haly of Kingston and defended by John H. Cameron Mr. Cameron and Kenneth McKeuzie. And they are determined not to leave a stone unturned on account of Whalen. O'Haly made a good clever speech at the opening.

News came by telegraph yesterday from Regina where he is residing that David Thal was dying ~~for~~ fellow. I hope he will rally again but it is only what I expected that he would drop through shortly.

There is a good deal of fear and uneasiness about Louisa all persons family has it and Mr. Kemp and several others who are of a nervous turn. I am sorry of this because our little town is usually healthy and nothing of that kind about it.

I commenced reading aloud this evening the story of Gull & Gault by George MacDonald in good words of last year.

There are rumours that Bill Brown has run away and cheated Adams & Co to the extent of \$4000.



9—Wednesday.

To day it has been a remarkably hazy day but very little rain fell although it threatened all day.

I got ready my survey lists today and got them into a kind of ship shape that was my work today as well as to send our return to the sessions. It appears that a number of manufacturers sent from Windsor pleaded guilty, and will be sentenced tomorrow. I understand.

I received a letter from Mr. McRae last tonight asking me to go and see a doctor into the bars of Birmingham. He says that they are going to have a tremendous row at Ottawa about the appointment of the Commissioners of Railway and that Macdougall will resign. But Macdougall takes a lot of fire too well and is too much of a politician and will defend his position. He also says the change against the Dominion is so great that they would have beat Howard Manning instead of Bell and that Bell was too big a job for him.

I was meditating a little this morning upon the words "ye will not come unto me that ye may have life" and was really astonished. How the thing about religion looks when we see men running about and wishing better and better about their physical life it seems as if they would give all the world for life but speak to them about spiritual life they simply don't believe in it. In fact they think you are talking about something that is a far way off and don't concern them. The Telegraph came today that Shel had died last night. And this body will be here tomorrow.



SEPTEMBER.

10 - Thursday.

To day the weather was beautiful all day. No sun but a little cloudy. When I looked I could not get into the ball old George Hall. The ball looked and such another light bulbs and stuff scattered over the floor in the lobby. I swept out all the lobby entire and made it look decent like.

Then I wrote a letter at my busy lists and then went home and had dinner and lunch. To Detroit and met Mr McKenzies woman and took her to the depot. And she was very glad and I bought her a ticket and sent her on morning. At four o'clock we had a meeting of the board. To make arrangements for the 2nd general which is to take place tomorrow at half past two o'clock. Carmichael from Larina was here to report and passed on up to Chatham. One of his people there got a letter from the Department of Public Instruction. To report about the entomological observations that Mrs. Brown had on sent to July 2nd. Which is very mean but his part I think I will try and get the matter put right and have it attended. The evidence in the Brown in the Whelan trial was furnished last night and the defense would begin this morning.



11—Friday.

To day the weather was quite hot at times and shone out quite brightly at other times.

I was quite busy this forenoon in writing out my minutes for the papers and my minute book all the forenoon.

In the afternoon we went to the General of the 2nd Regt. who is the Council Court as a body. We hired two carriages from the other side of the river for ourselves. We determined to show as much respect as possible to David our late friend. There was quite a turn out amongst the people and especially the military. They turned out in large numbers and shot this game they fired a volley over the grave. I saw a Captain. Mr. Hurst made a few excellent remarks about him. He said he was a most trust worthy and many would regret his loss very much indeed. We felt some would scarcely believe when told on account of the loss of Mr. 2nd with their business the few things I thought he said very well indeed.

The Whelan trial drags along its slow length and will not be finished today I should judge.

See Cheson is also taken down to Toronto on a writ of habeas corpus. They think he is unjustly dealt with by the coroners jury and are anxious some of them to have him out. I trust he will get out. In other coroners cases are managed in this way I think they ought also to be treated. The news last is not through with yet I understand.



Today in the morning it was very foggy indeed but it cleared off and became a beautiful day indeed.

In the morning we had a miserable bowd. house case which continued until the afternoon and then was adjourned until Monday.

Then a brother of Rees the express Robt. Man came and made an information against Pinkerton and went. The two

were that an prosecuting Rees and Anderson it is I think to be regretted that any such thing should be done against Rees until the case be disposed of before the Magistrate at Sandwich that is before Mr. Menden.

The feeling is very intense in Loan Camp. Mr. Menden is very anxious against Carson for taking it and I think justly so in that particular I shall save space the fact that a woman was the true prosecutor in paying who brought up some burglars for robbing Danallo's store when the judge said it was very wrong and severely upbraid the Magistrate for doing it.

The Whelan case is not yet called for want of evidence it seems that it may be ended tonight but was not last night.

I meditated a little on the final Judgment tonight because it is the Sabbath School lesson of tomorrow. At the colored school I like to be fortified and prepared for these lessons as well as I know how to guard them in from chattering. His coming on his way to Russia and Louisa Buchanan left for Chatham today.



13—Sunday.

Today has been really a fine day all the day. Beer at 10p and also in the morning. It was quite cold in the morning about four o'clock. Martha Williams, Edna Bell and James Bell all came up by the Florene which had been late on account of an excursion yesterday to Putnam Bay.

I went to the coloured school & today the lesson was the final judgment. I talked to the little ones a little on it and gave them a story about clothing the naked, which they liked very well.

The Rump was rather feeble today and preached from the text 11 chap of Matthew 12<sup>th</sup> verse the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. He gave us an explanation of the words taking it by force he likened it to the Sower which sowed the seed on thin soil. It sprang up quickly but did not last long. Dr. Mrs. Luten were here today and we had the just prayer from him and he did it well.

In the afternoon we had the Sabbath School lesson the miracle at Cana of Galilee. I discoursed to them a little of on it. We had a pretty good school today and I think I keep our boys pretty well in order. I devoted off my little class today and gave Mr. Blackader the ones in it. He did well.

We had a good sermon tonight on preaching and preachers from the 6<sup>th</sup> chap of Ephesians 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> verses about prayer for literature. He began by noting the discussion about preaching and preachers that was at present going on in the Christian church and in the secular and religious press and about the cowardice of some ministers and he thought it was as much owing to the the state church as to any other. He approved the preaching in the Evangelical churches of our land and generally pronounced it pretty good. He also said there was little cowardice in it and he also said that he believed that he would preach the whole truth about amusements such as dancing and playing and others of that kind and they would not say a word then. Altogether it was a very fine sermon but I may sketch it somewhere else.



SEPTEMBER.

14—Monday.

To day the weather was damp  
and it was not just a fresh late  
day.

The Reno case which was to have  
come on at two o'clock did not  
come on on account of an affidavit  
made by Reno that he was unable to  
appear and that some of his witnesses  
were absent.

No news of any moment today  
the Reno case as I suppose will be  
decided today at Ottawa. There is  
little doubt that a verdict of guilty will  
be found against Whelan.

We had a very good meeting of the  
Young Men's Christian Association  
at eight in the evening. And here led me the  
meeting and done it pretty well. I called  
in the afternoon I said a few words  
on the subject that you will welcome  
unto me that you may have life.  
I shortly stated that many whenever he  
found anything ~~to do~~ the matter with  
him how dangerous he was to have  
his physical life taken care of and  
how they would rush across continents  
and over seas ~~so~~ visiting every climate  
and everything would be done that  
community could devise or energy execute  
in order to have a little longer life.

The doctors would be belated about  
the body but Christ would not be belated  
about the soul of the men who were sick.

After I said a few words there was  
a break in the meeting and I suggested  
losing it. And John McSwain jumped  
up and in a very ill natured way said  
we were not confined to 1/4 of an hour.  
Several spoke very disparagingly of the way  
John spoke.



15--Tuesday.

To day it was quite cool all day but not  
 at all disagreeable

I was not very busy today and  
 in fact only done up a little business on  
 my own hook. James Bell was busy getting  
 ready for departure to move on to the North  
 West. I feel for James a good deal he  
 is a good lad as I am was infatigable. He is  
 naturally good and the doctrine of human  
 depravity will scarcely hold good with him  
 but I am no good as yet in the Christian religion  
 poor fellow I wish he did

I went to the Methodist Social to  
 supper and read my essay on Amusements  
 there and I was really astonished at  
 the excellent measures given by a few ladies  
 and gentlemen namely Miss Eyles Miss Sullivan  
 Mr James Sullivan and Mr Francis. They  
 did it well, but the star of the evening  
 was Miss Eyles by far the best

There was quite a number of people at  
 the house to supper of the going folk  
 on the eve of James Bell's departure  
 to the West tomorrow morning.  
 I was pleased to see them but forgetting  
 I was in my thoughts about poor  
 James I could see the anxiety in  
 his mind about the future. I do  
 hope poor fellow that the change will  
 assist him and that the high latitude  
 will be the life of him.

The Maine election has gone Republican  
 by a large majority increased it to  
 at any great extent over last election



SEPTEMBER.  
16—Wednesday.

So I by there was considerable of  
a frost the boards quite white  
In the morning I did not go  
to the office. But went across the  
upper lake I am off in Minnesota  
when I am off and there was quite  
a gathering in the lake I am off, and  
we all had him good days and he started  
with the help after in the train.  
Then Chas. B. <sup>Wright</sup> and I went to the  
Minnesota State Fair but alas me it was  
a poor affair the cattle was pretty good  
and horses all the ship of any moment  
was from Canada the agricultural products  
was all the most meager affair I can  
ever or heard of in a state fair in  
fact it was most contemptible to me  
Then they had with the fair some  
a large number of pup shows and  
features who were preaching about the  
war which to me was anything  
but pleasant.  
However I got a lesson from all  
that was going on around me and  
that was that man would listen to any  
mountebank and even nostrum for more  
attentively than he would to the gospel of  
Jesus Christ.

We had the prayer meeting in the  
evening there were not many present as  
it is but there Mr. Kemp does not make  
them so interesting as he might I think



17—Thursday.

To day it was my old indeed and I  
 suppose there had been some frost  
 I was not so busy today. There was  
 scarcely any time left of any moment.  
 The girls were up at Rush (James Parklets  
 Dwyer and I had to take the evidence  
 of the Robbery case in Toronto and such  
 another expose. I mean I remember we  
 hearing or reading of many gave his evidence  
 and showed that he was present at the  
 planning of the Robbery and that the whole  
 thing was planned at by the express  
 messenger Brown who received \$10000 in  
 the transaction and that he was thoroughly  
 fagged and completely bound and left  
 in that way when they found him  
 all according to a well arranged plan  
 and purpose of the robbers at the time.  
 I mean by the time that it was the  
 Hudson River <sup>Express</sup> Robbery.  
 I went across the river this afternoon  
 and took over my collectors rolls to get  
 bound at Richmond and Backus.  
 I went into Lemmings Bookstore and bought  
 a small book called Self help which I  
 wanted in helping me to prepare an essay  
 on the Young Men's Christian Association  
 which I am going to write on getting  
 "moral courage" or self culture both of  
 which I intended to write on if I am  
 permitted the work.  
 There is no other news of any  
 moment unless it be that the Republicans  
 are going to carry Grant I think without  
 fail.



18—Friday.

So day it has been a fine day throughout  
and moderately warm.

I began to day to make out  
my notes last and it appears from  
a letter I got from the City Clerk in  
Toronto that I have to make out two  
which entails additional work on us  
and just shows how clumsy all these  
things are done by the men in power  
I wish when they make Statute  
they would do them up instead  
of doing them in the clumsy manner  
they do.

I got a letter out of the Post Office  
yesterday from James Bell from Melbourn  
for Eliza Bell, but she had gone by  
the steamer she went today at noon  
by the steamer. James had got along  
very well Melbourn and was to start  
that night on St Paul. I trust poor  
James that he will be much better  
by his trip and that his health will  
be thoroughly restored.

I had a very curious story from  
St Paul's Magazine of an evil  
effort of mothers controlling their  
daughters after marriage. How often  
fashionable women do make shipwreck  
of themselves and shipwreck of their  
children's souls, salvation because of  
their foolish ways.

Charles Richards gave Nana a  
lookbox tonight. I think he likes Nana  
and Nana don't like him. My  
impression is if she ever says him he  
will ultimately ask her I think.



19—Saturday.

Today the weather threatened rain  
the future day but there did not  
much come

I was busy today making out the  
commitments in the case of the Indians.  
I believe the Indians are again at work  
and are going to have trouble to quell them  
I finished them time enough in the  
trial of Mary Batts who was sent  
to jail for forty days for an assault  
she had been hitting Sam Fox, Bridget  
a poor deal of villain that her  
husband had been guilty of how he had  
gone to a man and I myself under  
an assumed name and committed  
burglaries and also how he had gone  
and stolen fifty bushels of wheat out  
at Kalamazoo for Hurabour and brought  
it in to Detroit and sold it ~~it~~ is not  
that dreadful of a black miserable villain  
like him

A man by the name of Dixon lives  
next door to us has a daughter which  
has lost her child is dead Miss Loring  
he is an old prisoner from Dublin  
and at present holds the situation of  
watchman at the Beddle House his daughter  
is the wife of the grammar school teacher  
at Niagara so I understand and that  
he is going out in holy orders in  
the church of England next year

I studied my Sabbath school lesson  
in the colonial school tomorrow morning  
to night it is the alabaster box of ointment  
and the betrayal of Christ



A very peculiar day it has been all day but very partially dry but not entirely (and pretty cool)

In the morning I went to the school and we had a very thin school for some reason or another I talked to them a little about the lesson

Mr Kemp preached a very good sermon on the words except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees you shall in nowise enter into the Kingdom of heaven he gave us a capital discourse very good thought in it

The Sabbath School was very thin today chiefly because there was the funeral of a Mrs. Atchison where the Odd Fellows were going to march I went to the funeral (and rode out with Mr. ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~tramp~~ <sup>tramp</sup> and came in with him there at the same time there was a funeral of Lauchlin's child

Mr. Kennedy preached today in the church in front of Mr. Cambridge and he did pretty well I am told he preached this evening at the church in Mr. Kemp and did pretty well his text was the Kingdom of heaven ~~was~~ is within you it was a very peculiar sermon one in fact entirely by illustration he was plain simple straightforward and in fact he was very pointed but what a barbarous pronunciation he has for I have heard anything worse in my life a most abominable mode of droning out his words



21--Monday.

Today the weather was good all day and fair. We were busy today for a short time in the Peelo Anderson case against Puckerton and others. We stayed up until dinner time and then they adjourned to Sandwith to take the evidence of Anderson and then down the road and back to Sandwith but there was really no case against Puckerton as far as I saw. They were in Sandwith until I could not tell what they were doing to night or how they had got on.

In the afternoon I commenced my voters list and done a little towards them.

In the evening I conducted the young men's prayer meeting. I was not needing to talk anything as Mr. Russell who preached yesterday on the Church was present and addressed us. He seems a very peculiar creature and full of good things in fact. He says some things very well indeed. Things that people would do well to mark and inwardly digest. But such is time and it comes that people never think of them latter end at all. They do not think of their whole ideal is for the present and not for the future.

Mr. Chey's people namely George his mother and Ellen and Martha Williams all came to Toronto today.



SEPTEMBER.

22--Tuesday.

Today the weather was fair but quite cool. The New Brunswick case came on today but the court dismissed it at once. The affidavits were not sufficient to put it off so he dismissed it. And I was asked by the New Brunswick people to give them a copy of the proceedings as quickly as possible. Which gave me a good deal of additional work. I worked hard at it in fact I was going to do it all the while as if I could.

The whole of this case has been a puzzle to my friends its circumstances. But now I see in Mr. Mackenzie the poorest Mess Condor all the time he is now out of the company of the New Brunswick people. What would be the danger of a person that was both the prosecutor and Judge in fact. The ends of Justice would be perverted entirely and we would have no faith in them at all.

I have received a good many applications from parties for the common school in fact it has been mostly as yet from Scotchmen and that Highlanders that has got it. So the Episcopalians are anxious to have him one of them but I don't think they will manage it this time.

I understand today that they are going to move a unit of Indian Corps to take out the New and Anderson.



To day the weather was the same as usual  
pretty cool

I was very busy all day in getting <sup>out of the office</sup> ~~out of the office~~  
top of the evidence in the Ruckert's New  
Susel. It is a veritable business I  
was in it this morning and I continued  
as it related to the Ruckert's block  
but I was very busy all the evening  
and wished I had through with it  
I understand the Mr. Ruckert speaks in  
no measured terms against Barron in his  
having arrested Ruckert and threatens  
to have him discharged from his situation  
at least so it is said but your stores  
are said about cash often. I took in  
my copy of proceedings this evening and  
I have said he would collect the money for  
me

I did not go to prayer meeting tonight  
on account of my being busy at my  
writing but I let Ma go and I kept  
house I understand the Ruckert had the  
business and a job he made of it.  
They are in a bad fix can you see I guess  
it up as they are confined to these creatures  
such as John McQueen who are as  
unstable as water poor unstable creatures

There is no news of any importance  
today the Robbery Case at Fort St. Vrain  
along its slow length and a horrible  
job they seem to make of it with such  
scoundrels as Jim Thompson and  
Minton and such as that



Today the weather was still quite cool.

I was still very busy. I finished all my copies & by 12:15 the garden and trees began to give in to May. This afternoon I got twelve dollars for the copy which was about something in my way I want to get my votes list and as soon as possible in the clerk of the peace at Sandwich especially when I have to make out two lists one for the Dominion Parliament and one for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

A writ of Habeas corpus issued today in the case of Lewis and Goodman bringing them before the courts. Bundy at Toronto understands that each the jail actually says they will have to furnish him with money before he will take them ~~for~~ prisoners down to Toronto. And that they have actually advised him to return his writ to friends which is a peculiar state of affairs. But our Minister and friends seem to be anything in the matter.

No news of any movement but the fear resolution spoken of in Spain in which it is said the Queen has not a very close or very attached people. What Government.

I have not made much progress this week in my religious improvement. My business has been such that I have not time to devote to study at all.

James Watson, who was attempted to be opened last night but it was not accomplished. They only succeeded in filling away the outside covering on the plaster of Paris.



25—Friday.

Weather still good. Cal sold and saw  
 I was very hard at work looking  
 up my rolls getting them ready for the  
 clerk of the peace office as quick  
 as I could.

Charles Bill came up last night  
 and I received a note from his  
 father enclosing twenty dollars for stamps  
 for Division books. Charles went home  
 today and took down the stamps with  
 him that is \$8. worth of them and  
 left the balance for me to purchase when  
 I could get them.

I received a letter last night from  
 James Bill he says he is improving  
 a little in health. He thinks he likes  
 the looks of St Paul very well indeed.  
 We had a meeting of the Board of  
 School Trustees tonight and we chose  
 a man by the name of Oliver Mc  
 Nersper. We had fifteen applicants.  
 and he was chosen out amongst the number  
 and some other things were also  
 transacted by the Board of some importance  
 to the school namely the enforcing punctuality  
 and such like as that.

I also mentioned the fact that too  
 many holidays were given by the ~~Law~~  
 Leashus and a resolution was passed  
 appointing a committee to deal with  
 the case. I understand Miss Williams  
 is expected tomorrow with her Chicago  
 folks. This is Miss Maria Williams.  
 The fair at Hamilton had been  
 one complete fair over twenty five  
 thousand tickets were sold yesterday.



To day the weather was rather  
wet and lowering.

I was very busy all day with  
my work until late in the afternoon.

The boys and Greenland case is reported  
to have been the cause of delay and they  
have taken down by the back pass  
high and will be in front to day.

I have been hesitating for some time  
a subject for my next essay for the Young  
Men's Christian Association. It would like  
to take the subject of "Moral Courage" but  
I am so afraid that I would hurt some  
of the minds and characters of so many  
of the young men that I am badly  
afraid to tackle it. The subject of  
"Defection" has also its attraction.

I could do very well on that and  
I think of it. I would like to  
give it a whole. It opens up such  
a field for speculation and culture that  
I think it would be the means  
of doing much good. I must  
get at it as quickly as possible and  
try to have it thoroughly discussed  
at next Convention so that young  
men may be made to feel their position  
they occupy and aim in life.

The subject of Universalism is enjoying  
a very large share of the people of  
England at present and among  
the State Church is likely to be out in  
vain by it.



27—Sunday.

So far the weather same in quite sunny  
on the morning but turned off again  
until after when we had quite a thunder storm  
just when church was in and while I am writing  
the lightning was very vivid indeed

We had a poor attendance at the colored  
school today on account of the rain. This  
is the last day when the school is to be  
with us as a teacher he is going to the college  
at Ann Arbor to study for a doctor <sup>Miss M. Williams</sup>  
<sup>was with us too</sup>

Mr Kemp preached a most excellent  
sermon today on the Lord. Should be comforted  
from the simplicity that is in Christ. Sermon  
for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> A most vigorous sermon

showing how we build a superstructure of  
theology on the simple gospel instead of  
sticking to the simple truth, as it is in Jesus

In the afternoon we had a fair Sabbath school

but I feel annoyed at having the children  
away by much from school. I and some

church members were visitors about it

The John G. Hall of Montreal was

present and said a few words about

ideas and some poor men who always

worked out and idea

In the evening Mr Kemp preached

a sermon on Original Sin. There were

some good things in it which persons

would do well to ponder

People seemed to have died very

fast this year and in fact I suppose  
Sweden has lost more through death  
than any summer for a long  
time



Today the weather was good all day and pleasant. There was no store business today and I employed my time in making out my electoral list. I nearly finished them all today and I was busy making a stop in the Registry Office this morn. to quite a number of voters this year in fact so busy that in all probability I will have some issue on the County election Monday. We will probably have at least 500 good votes which is a good deal for a small town like this.

This evening our Young Men's Association was not so well attended as is usual. Mr. John Grapale of Montreal was here and gave us a good speech on the subject of temperance. He said the Young Men's Association in fact John is always practical. He said that it would be well for them to look around and see what they could find to do and whether there were anything to be done by way of holding temperance meetings ~~and~~ they did such a thing in Montreal and it succeeded admirably beyond the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. As I have to go to Westbury I shall not say more at present.

We had two young men from Saskatchewan who are going to college at Toronto with us tomorrow. 4 of them are going for the first time & know college all came on with the train tomorrow.



29—Tuesday.

To say the location was really very beautiful

We started at half past nine for the  
Presbytery at Chatham N.Y. Kennedy and I  
and the French students. We had a pleasant  
ride to Chatham where we got there & found  
the Presbytery in session in Mr. Watkins  
church. And when we got dinner we  
resumed to give a respectable Presbytery  
when I got in they were busy with  
the students, examining them preparatory to their  
going to Toronto. I heard Mr. Cameron's  
trial discourses and they were very fair  
but I thought they were very inadequate  
indeed much more than necessary even in  
a Galopentist church.

Then we had quite a discussion  
on the home mission work. Mr. Kennedy  
gave us a very good address on it and  
recommended Mr. Kennedy for the work  
but a good many opposed Mr. Kennedy  
as being somewhat erratic and troubled  
with Baptistism. I was which they did  
not like. Mr. Mac Dermott opposed that  
and said he was very intimately  
acquainted with him and it was  
not true that he had Baptist leanings  
and so the matter ended there. With the  
appointment of a committee.

Mr. Webb the Police Magistrate of  
Toronto yesterday discharged the express  
robbers of on the Hudson River Road because  
there was no violence used a pretty  
state of affairs for a lot of sounders  
to actually consent the thing so as not  
to make matters the easier.  
Got home all right in the late  
train and talked the most of the way  
down with a man named Went from  
Ayr.



SEPTEMBER.  
30—Wednesday.

I say the weather much to my disappointment was very bad indeed it rained the entire day almost.

I nearly bumped my boots into the day today in the Judge's room. He to morning at the Governor's court. I was very busy today all day sitting ready for.

The gentleman who today had in him to be to be the San Francisco is as long getting the lumber in as fast as he can.

Our little fellow, Allen is quite bad again with his side he will not keep up to the house and it makes him a great deal and keeps running late he is a wonderful creature it is astonishing how much fatigue he will go through.

I was very sad today when I saw how deep a day it was that I had no accepted keep vegetation to go to Baytown what a miserable day we would have had. There was a foundation stone day out there in

On account of the fall evening this evening we had no prayer meeting. I went and told the hall about our the lights and tell some of the folks not to come there.

Mr. McNamee our new school teacher came this morning and John McNamee gave this afternoon and gave his boys a day's play without our course in just without our consulting us.



1—Thursday

To day the day was fine all day  
 The Johnsons' account was told  
 today and quite a number of eggs  
 were up but quite a number had  
 the posthumous letter next day on  
 account of the lack of law stamps  
 is seems most ridiculous. I have the  
 management of these affairs in the  
 hands of such a man as I & Ma. I don't  
 in fact I know of no man who  
 would manage things worse than  
 because he is so greedy and so much  
 we want and therefore takes the  
 money of the government to spend  
 in himself which is so bad.  
 I am and several of them got their  
 cases through very well against the  
 Johnson estate.

I wrote my votes lists today and  
 I mailed them to my baby to bring by  
 parcel post but I have still to make out  
 one for the Dominion Parliament according  
 to last year's assessment which is \$100 instead  
 of the hundred as we have is now  
 the amount of votes is as follows  
 First Ward 260 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward 241 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
 205 Total in all wards 705

The Spanish Revolution appears to be  
 fast culminating towards Republicanism  
 and that they are not going to have any  
 more kings. We fear the reign of Bourbonism  
 appears to be at an end that we all  
 are going to have a foot of soil on  
 the face of the earth where civil and  
 religious liberty will not be allowed  
 to flourish and that the time will soon  
 come when to be Wednesday of the Protestant  
 Church will be a passport over the habitable  
 globe.

John McLogan left Windsor  
 today for Ann Arbor to study for a doctor



To day the weather was good but  
cold in fact it has been cold all the  
last two or three weeks.

No news of any importance today  
that is worth speaking about. Just  
the Police business of very little importance.  
I understood the news Anderson case was  
before the Court of Queen's Bench today  
but that no judgment would be  
given until Monday. But they say John  
is dangerous. Although I do not see  
what he has to be dangerous of. In I think  
it is extremely doubtful how the Chief  
Justice is going to review the conduct  
of Mr. Mackay, indeed I doubt whether  
he will be allowed to do any such thing.  
The English Church is getting a fearful  
scorching this season from some of its  
own members. Indeed some of its chief  
ornaments are many on the want of  
order and want of decorum. Some  
parsons some persons instruments  
and such like are a disgrace. Every  
body or any thing connected with the  
Church they are only the monuments  
of a bygone age being attempted to be  
revived. But such is the way of  
the world and such is the attempt  
of every man to turn back the  
wheels of progress.

I understand our folks are again  
in trouble about their singing.  
They were holding a meeting in the  
Church tonight about it. So James  
says and what they are to do I do  
not know.

To day I visited the schools and  
saw them a bit. My mind  
about how they should practically  
attend to their lessons and time  
of school.



3--Saturday.

To day the weather was fine  
and pleasant

I had one of those abominable  
attempts at Red Lapeism to day  
which the Educational department is  
so familiar with I shut down  
a suggestion to the Department for  
two Meteorological Books for the  
grammar school teacher. I did not  
follow the directions of the department  
because I did not think it was necessary  
and indeed it was not applicable  
at all so I sent my letter to <sup>unconcerned</sup>  
of the case. But I received a letter

from the department today stating  
that I would have to get signed out  
of his blank duplicates for because  
one hundred per cent sign. I could  
not my books so I signed one and  
sent it as quick as I could  
I went across the River in the  
afternoon but found nothing worth the  
looking at in the book store I tried to get  
a copy of Channing's Self Culture but could  
not get it so I do not know where to find  
it.

I was anxious to get it because I  
would like to get a copy of a little assistance  
from it in the preparation of an essay on  
Self Culture or Self Education it is a profitable  
subject and I would like to treat it well  
I got a box of Peaches today from  
Chatham, from Mr. George W. Dean I think  
it came from him it was very acceptable

There seems to be a great many  
outrages committed down South under  
the very eye and ear of the State officials



To day the weather was good all day and sun shining

I went to the colored school in the morning and we had a very fair school but the attendance was not so large as it might be we had the subject of the last lesson up and the song in the garden. Mr. J. W. Cameron was with us today and preached for us and did very well indeed. He gave us a sermon from the words saying to them through the truth the word is truth or 'word' is that which I said also the new birth formed part of his sermon. He did it real well his sermon was a good practical sermon full of good thoughts and good feeling the people were well pleased with it.

Our Sabbath school lesson today was part of the ~~Lesson~~ <sup>Lesson</sup> for the week of Samaria. A very good lesson and I think was productive of some good to the children. In the evening we had a good sermon from Mr. Cameron on the Love of God and I thought he really did very well indeed. He was not so loud in delivery as he was in the morning but still it was a practical good sermon in every way and showed the need of considerable capacity. I was much pleased with him.

I read a little today about the work at Samaria and tried to get my little class to understand the Gospel as well as I could.



5--Monday.

To day it was a beautiful day  
throughout in every way a fine autumn  
day I did a little work today at my  
role in the Dominion, but not a great  
deal.

Not much news of any importance  
today I see back again the club of the  
Lloyd is on a tremendous spree in fact  
nothing but drunkenness appears to be  
the order of the day now that is in  
my opinion, becoming a fearful vice  
there is another thing namely the use  
or habit of smoking which is also sure  
amongst the young children of the town  
yesterday I saw quite a number of  
boys from 8 to 12 years of age sitting on  
my father's wood pile smoking as if they  
had been old men it is really lamentable  
to think of that sort of thing amongst  
the rising generation of this town then  
really lamented by a worse habit in  
my opinion than this fearful habit  
of smoking and what an effect on the  
system it must have in the habit  
when one indulged in now leaves  
a person in fact never the better  
off at all.

The Japanese I suppose live in the hall  
to night what a queer looking lot they  
are one would really be astonished to  
see the various configurations of the face  
and features and could in general  
quite a different looking affair from  
the modern Caucasian face.



The weather was still delightful although threatened a little with clouds.

I was busy preparing to meet all day that is in getting my business in the Council ready. The Police Committee had determined to shunt the two night watchmen and a Bill was passed this evening by the Council carrying that matter out of effect. The West Burgham like as Mr. Nobles and others seemed to have been done so easily and the watchmen know nothing of it that the matter had been looked into and so what value we have getting in our money so they determined not to let the matter remain any longer they shunted both of them.

So Mr. I obtained a vote of \$50 from the Council towards the payment of the ploughing match prizes which was voted cheerfully without any stint or hindrance.

We shall soon have a Grammar School. Justice Wright has not before Mr. Conway had endeavored to obtrude his nostrums on us by asking us to elect John Bloom thus putting in three Catholics & three Protestants for our Grammar School. A most extraordinary proposition truly no news of any movement today. Letters have all been pretty well as much as possible today for the fair tomorrow. I trust in Wednesday a good day. Chief Justice Wright has decided to hold Term and Anderson on the Habeas Corpus - in extradition by the Council.



7—Wednesday.

To day the weather was fine all day  
but at night about dark is found  
a regular stream

I was busy all day the yesterday  
at the Fair I helped Mary to exhibit the  
articles in the Fair and got things exhibited  
there were four hundred and fifty light  
lutes of different kinds at the Fair  
horses and cattle and sheep were a pretty  
good show but there was not a great  
many of them there were no dogs whatever  
I never saw such a mass show of  
~~animals~~ in my life in fact it made us  
feel cheap however what we did show  
did very well indeed and we had  
a good show of feds and coats and  
fanny look in fact that excited  
altogether we did a great deal better  
with our fanny work than we expected  
and some good harness and furniture  
as were shown so that altogether  
there was a fair show of materials  
shown but it seems to have been  
double what it was

We had J B Cameron at sea to  
night I was going to get him to take  
the Prison Meeting but it rained so that  
I advised Mr Hall to put the light  
and Miss Butts was with us at sea  
and Maggie Davis

In the afternoon Mung went to  
Colchester with Lydia Bell who came  
up yesterday with the Florence from  
Colchester but it was very late  
before the boat started to Colchester  
so much so blew a gale from the  
south west so that she would not  
attempt to go outside on the Colchester  
boat tonight



So day quite a bump from yesterday  
it was very warm yesterday today  
it is so cold that it actually snowed  
in the forenoon

We were left here at the fair we  
well nearly pay expenses this year or thereabouts  
I went up in the forenoon to see  
the ploughing match which was on John  
Montreal Harry the Walcutt and  
some good ploughing was the day in  
fact some just rate ploughing but  
I think Muddleditch's plough is not  
so good a one as some of the  
Mersea man's ploughs I came down  
from there and saw Botolph the  
Sentry was very nearly dead with  
his last aged as the people  
were getting impatient about two o'clock  
or a little after we had the premiums  
read then off as King's bone was  
a little rusty and he was getting quite  
cold and so the fair ended and  
on the whole it was a very fair show  
we got just such a show as we  
might have expected as a good deal  
of jealousy exists amongst the  
Malden farmers at ~~the~~ Wotton  
however we got along well without  
them

As you of much importance  
I believe the American people are quite  
expecting on their annual visit it will  
be a tremendous pull to get square in  
rotation. I think will be badly  
beaten as he has allied himself with  
a bad party in every sense of the word



9 - Saturday - Friday

To day the weather is still fair but cold & a stiff frost this morning which knocked our flowers in dross all except a geranium which I had left out. Quite an excitement in town yesterday and today about Sumptons case. He had been using a false weight in buying grain which enabled him to cheat about 30 lbs every time he weighed 500 lbs. He was brought up yesterday before Mr. Harris and fined \$5 and 183 50 costs which will teach him better manners than show such villainy before the public as that. There is no doubt he had been enabled by his false weight to bring a great deal of money into his pocket and some farmers are now complaining that he has cheated them very largely. I wrote a rather savage article in the Record today about it and it will be out tomorrow when I suppose pretty good coffee will have been used by him about it.

I corrected the programme list as far as I could to night so that it may appear all right in the morning.

The Telegraph News says that Gladstone will be defeated for South Lancashire but that he will go in for Liverpool and is further deep that it is probable that that he will go into Parliament next session with one hundred and twenty six of a majority (126).

I had a long chat with Osmond Wynn about law matter at Toronto and were much struck with some of the news I heard about the kind of influence that was brought to bear on the Eastern Express and the Government. A MacDonald being drunk and Mr. McKinnon's conduct.



OCTOBER.  
10—Saturday.

Today the weather was beautiful  
the entire day in fact like a summer  
day.

News for my busy night that some  
drunken fellows went through near  
the Police Court and some sent  
down.

No other news of any moment  
than some fearful stories from the  
South of ~~the~~ the massacre the colored  
people down there (how they are  
shooting them down and killing  
the negroes in every way possible  
and in fact making a complete  
map of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> which is a very bad  
thing.

Nothing of any moment further  
than that Robert McLean has been  
very unwell and unfit for business  
so that William had to come  
early and take the office for  
a few days until he gets better.  
William says James Bell is  
staying better but thinks there is  
way there is no chance for work  
to him but there is fact he is likely  
to not get any until he comes  
back again here as there are over  
two thousand needed there now  
wanting health and work and  
unemployment.

I studied up my lesson for  
tomorrow to help in the colored  
school especially that part about  
the Pascal Lumber and the last  
supper.

I paid George Grant yesterday on  
my account \$30.



11—Sunday.

To day the weather was pretty good  
the entire day

Went to the colored school in the  
morning and we had a very good school  
in fact better in some respects than some  
of the white schools

Mr Kemp preached a very fair sermon  
in the forenoon and evening too but  
such a sermon only did not require  
much study in fact he had only notes  
all the time instead of reading he  
gave us thoughts a good deal I like  
but as large a kind of preaching  
I do not like under no circumstances

In the afternoon we had a very good  
sabbath school and the only thing  
was the teachers were absent a good  
deal and were not able to have our  
classes worked up as we ought to have  
there is great lack of enthusiasm amongst  
some of our people in regard to our  
sabbath schools I am trying to do  
the best I can to get the thing kept up  
but it is not done as it ought

I read today a good article by  
Ludwig Alexander on the Antiquity  
a capital article as to its Antiquity  
and also as to its of Antiquity  
good I mean in a popular Magazine  
I must attend to it more than  
I do some of these articles are really  
good Helen was taken today with  
a bleeding at the nose but I suppose  
it was chills because she is in a  
delicate position



Today the weather was good  
but, pretty cold all day.

I did not do much today of any  
moment we sent one poor fellow  
down in drunkenness because he  
was drunk on Sunday and some  
others paid fines.

John O'Connor still has another  
chance in Hudson and says he  
is to appear before the  
Attorney General of Toronto to show  
why they should not be returned  
to the United States he is not at all  
pleased at the way Graham decided  
to put in appearance before the  
Judge Counsel that is his next  
visit and he is going to Toronto to  
visit about the matter.

We had a very fine Young Men's  
meeting to night which was held  
at John Cook's and I was  
glad to see him take a hold of  
the matter in the way he did it  
was really a good attempt on him  
but I suppose he never was in such  
a fix before he chiefly directed his  
thoughts on doing good and I  
followed up that matter as much  
as I could and read them something  
from the Western Advance on the  
same subject or rather on building  
up churches and Young Men's  
Christian Associations and union  
prayer meetings all of which  
was very much to the point.



13--Tuesday.

So day there was quite a change  
the weather was quite the future day  
Some drum bands that were  
discharged were all the Police matters  
orderly

Adelphi I did not do much but ~~to~~  
and had my time taken up part  
of the forenoon and afternoon  
writing a priest named Vicaut who  
had some things to pay and I went  
to Sandwich for ~~the~~ him and got the  
things settled up there and came  
back again and wrote a letter  
to him enclosing receipt for him and  
also enclosing receipt to another  
priest that lives at Osoley in the  
state of Michigan by the name  
of Poirrette I also wrote a letter  
to a young son in Montreal about  
some things on lots 10 11 & 12 north  
side of Sandwich Street in the town  
of Windsor on Baby Farm. And also  
a letter to Mr. Jones Mr. Bear thanking  
him for some papers that was  
sent him by him some time ago

I received a letter from D B Kauffman  
inclosing photograph to me. No  
other news of any moment that  
I remember on at present.

So day was election day in Ohio  
and Eugene and Pennsylvania  
it was a ~~fine~~ bad day for us as the  
men would keep in the farmers  
and they would not get out  
to do their work so effectively as  
they would have done had it  
been a good day



Today the weather was moderately warm all day although it was a little raw in the morning.

We had our last Ant. & Sanderson last day for Thanksgiving he was a beastly looking fellow and no doubt deserving what he got!

The other part of the day I was engaged in bringing up some old bank work that I found I had done.

This morning the Republicans are jubilant they have succeeded in carrying the large States of Ohio Pennsylvania and probably Indiana although there seems to be some doubt. Indiana the carrying of these three States for the Republicans makes the Presidential election for Grant and Colfax next month this is as it should be I think we shall then have four years of good government in the South which otherwise would not have been had Seymour got elected.

John Jayall Esq. of Montreal was here tonight he is stopping here of his brother James who is ~~down~~ down in Colchester shortly will come back to us he was at our prayer meeting to night and engaged with us he did well and it was real heavenly his

mode of address to the Supreme being

I am working up for an essay on self culture I set upon two or three good thoughts tonight. The great power of man as developed in his intellect his almost divine possibility of improvement our disgust at his debasement is undeniably more ~~when~~ by the fact that our expectations are so much better ~~thoughts~~ than what we experience because of our faith in man's improvements.



To day the weather was fine all day  
throughout very pleasant fall weather.  
Poor old Phillip Wicks was present  
at the Police Court today in the capacity  
of a Prisoner for being drunk and disorderly  
in front of the Person's house yesterday poor  
old fellow I well remember 20 years ago he  
used to preach temperance by the hour but his  
exposure has been a sad one when young  
he formed the appetite and has not since been  
able to shake it off. Mr. Carson fined him  
\$200 dollars and costs and let him go.

I cut down all my Curraw Bushes today  
as also my Apple Trees and throw them  
over the fence.

To day there has been an attempt made  
to shoot Allen Pinkerton but by timely notice  
of him he frustrated the assassins designs it appears  
that he was riding up with them from Sandwick  
and Pinkerton was in a carriage with Mr. McKim  
and Mr. McKim said look that fellow is going  
to shoot however they passed on and Pinkerton  
went on to the other side of the River and when  
he was on the dock he saw a man with  
a pistol leveled at his head and he grabbed  
him and had him secured.

Reed and Anderson tried to escape from  
Saul today by an opening in the floor  
but did not succeed that is another nail  
in their coffin.

A foul murder has been committed  
in Amherstburg by three negroes who  
have escaped to the United States and two of  
them was arrested last night they murdered  
Captain Mum of the Snow Goodnow the  
names of the criminals are Brown Medley  
and Purthy.

I worked a little at my essay on Self Culture  
last night and got along pretty well.



To day the weather was fine in the morning but towards night it changed and a little rain fell in the evening about nine o'clock quite a shower of snow fell and it was very cold indeed.

We had the case of an Englishman that was found in camp drunk a very foolish fellow indeed.

No other business of any moment arrived today all quiet.

Heard that Edwin was not satisfied in the place he went to in the States and that he talks of coming back again to Canada so it is said.

I read in the Globe paper a very remarkable account of a murder at Edgware Township near London where a little girl of fourteen years of age was put upon the stand and took all the guilt on herself of killing a cousin of her own in order to free her father from the imputation lest the jury did not believe her and so her father was found guilty and will doubtless be hung. The difficulty was that the little girl which he murdered accused him as stealing from her father once.

I read also an excellent account in the Globe of the Cornell University at Ithaca New York. It seems to be a first place and quite a university.

Naturalism in England is still attracting some attention by letters in the Times &c.

The preparatory lecture to the Communion was given this evening by Mr. Kemp he did very well a goodly number were present.

Some additions to the Church by certificate were obtained.

I am still thinking up my ideas on the Self Culture Essay and getting new ones every day.



To day the weather was very cold quite  
a heavy frost this morning (and one that  
makes the fall ball the change is so great  
we had the wind from the north all day

No news of any moment worth talking  
about in fact news is becoming quite barren  
they elected James Fraser a councillor of  
the first ward today in the room and  
stead of David Shub Lane made  
his return all right

John Riddiman came over from  
Michigan today the seems quite delicate  
in health Miss Williams went down  
to her sister at Mr. Harsh the entire day

I went across the river today and  
bought two volumes of Lays essays they  
are very good I want to work up  
on my essay on "Self culture" we could  
scarcely keep our house warm today  
we had not the strong reputation in the  
morning we went there for the winter

I got some papers today from England  
and they have been still going away  
at the Antislavery in the Church a good  
many of them seems to be troubled  
about it

John Stuart Mill has written an  
excellent essay on the payment of the  
debt of the United States which carries with  
it a good deal of ~~weight~~ weight is  
was in the nation of today I was  
much pleased with the clear magnanimity  
thought in it in fact I have seen  
few better than it is well worth half  
a dozen of the froth and foam of  
the United States



To day the weather was unusually cold in fact nothing like in this season! In this morning about a quarter of an inch thick.

I spread the Communion Table and then went on to the coloured school I said a few words to the children but not much.

We had an excellent sermon from Mr. Kemp on a passage in the Hebrews about the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. He began by stating that the church in a great measure was like the children of Israel in wilderness a most excellent discourse then he traced the way of the church down to the present time then about the sprinkling of the sacrifice and then the blood of Christ a most able sermon in my opinion but it appears it did not satisfy everyone about 54 sat down at the table today.

In the afternoon we had a good Sabbath School of boys but few girls I talked to them a little about the cure of the No. 1 man's ~~son~~, they all seemed very alert.

In the evening we had a fair sermon from Mr. Kemp on the words "as the Father loved me so have I loved you continue ye in my love" a very fair sermon but not one in which he displayed much taste he was a little prosy.

I read some matters today in Sunday Magazine that was interesting about missionary efforts in the West and



19—Monday.

To day the weather was a little cold but it was an improvement on the previous day.

Our cells were empty to day and I was glad for I was quite miserable quite a headache in fact a headache such as ~~as~~ I only have when I get my head full of the cold in some way. I was unable to go to the Young Men's Christian Association meeting to night just on account of my headache.

I had a little in the papers to read. I am trying to think up my subject of "Self Culture" and it prevents me in some sense from doing any reading of a general nature. The Globe had two excellent ~~leading~~ articles last night. It appears that Smith the Mayor of Toronto has been appointed collector of customs in Toronto but nothing has been done in creating any of our lawyers to the Bench. We have nothing of that kind done notwithstanding all the masses in such things that there are there. There seems to me that it is the half of what is said in Toronto is true. There is one of the greatest humbugs in existence. No other news of any moment that I hear of at present in fact unless it be the matter about Lord and Anderson's audition to the United States or the effort on the part of some of the Democratic politicians to elect Symon and Blair and get Chase and Hancock in <sup>their</sup> place. There is no other news.

Spain has ordered a new election by universal suffrage to get a King or a Boast of some kind like



OCTOBER.  
20—Tuesday.

Today the weather was very good all day there was no rain and it was very mild.

No Police business today of any moment two drunken fellows were discharged.

I am very much troubled today with a low throat all the inside is more or less stung with the fever or cold I had yesterday. My headache left me about two o'clock this morning and I then got a nice sleep until late in the morning. Miss Williams came in to nurse and stayed all night with her sister. She seems much improved in fact greatly improved. I think from appearance I should think she will be actually the better of her sickness.

No news today of any importance. I understood that Morton and Thompson were up before the Mr. Murken today at Chudworth but much progress has not been made. The case was adjourned until next Saturday. I read some of the lectures of Selkirk in his essay. especially that one relating to Mahabod and others. I like he has an excellent essay on the Roman Law, Hyman and gives an excellent poem of his to the Press.

The Methodists are getting up a social tomorrow night in behalf of their church which they are anxious to have a mass of paragon attached to.

The politicians of the other side of the River are having a tremendous time over their election long time is now coming and clearing up the Republican bulge. Brydges catches it to help in his management of the Grand Bank by one Nelson.



21—Wednesday.

There had been quite a night of rain and it rained the most of the day all day.

We had no police business today of any moment. We took an information in the case of a girl against Bissette the ~~son~~ <sup>son-in-law</sup> in assault and battery and it almost appears as if he was guilty of an indecent assault such an assault as a man makes when he is going to defile the chastity of a woman and it appears further that she is a girl of a high character and moral tone.

No news of any moment that I hear of. I see that Putnam begins to attract a great deal of attention and that the convention at New York is bothering with a good deal and that is too much even for them right along with.

I had a good deal to turn out of some Presbyterian papers that Mr Kemp left with me. They are just late the synopsis of a pamphlet from the Irish Church by a Doctor who explains the position of the Church in regard to it shows up these parties in their proper place. I cannot imagine anything better late than some of these arguments especially the one about the Presbyterian Ordination is just late they will take ordination from a Roman Catholic Bishop but not from a Presbyterian Assembly which all right thinking men is a perfect absurdity.

The Methodist Social was a grand success to report in point of numbers but not in speakers.

Allen was anxious to have some but I did not care about going so she would not go without me.



To day it has been very cold and very miserable and looks as if it was due a very heavy frost. To day we had the case of Bissett up for adjudication and he was fined \$10 & costs. Mr. Howell made quite an ouster on Bissett and asked the Magistrate to put on the full force of the Law upon him as he said it was outrageous to have a young woman taken hold of in the streets in the manner she was. Bissett felt it badly.

To day I was told that the Town was hanging fire on the warrants extraditing Reed and Anderson. They wanted a safe guarantee that they would all be kept in and not run up in the State. The other parties were so. John Odorous thinks he has accomplished something. We had a good sermon to hear on thanksgiving and it was pretty well put by Mr. Pump. My father was very happy in some of his observations. Many of them were of a statistical kind and were therefore necessarily dry. So I supposed they would give his opening the Agricultural Statistics from the Amherstburg Grist Mill and Woolen Factory. Thomas was burned down this morning at a loss of some \$1300 to \$1500 it well. The one of the poorest blows Amherstburg ever had.



23—Friday.

To day we only had some work  
 sending over a man by the name  
 of Burkner in making threats  
 a most extraordinary state of affairs  
 as I have never seen or heard of  
 in just the same to me to be a miserable  
 fellow does this Burkner  
 To day in the afternoon the weather  
 was so cold all last night that  
 I determined to put up my stoves to day  
 this morning the thermometer actually  
 only stood about 18° above zero which  
 is very cold in October I remember in  
 1845 I came from London on the  
 25<sup>th</sup> day of October and we did not  
 have scarcely a bad day from that  
 time until the winter

To day doubtless has been a great  
 day amongst the Republicans in  
 Detroit. Schuyler Colfax is to speak  
 this afternoon at two o'clock in the  
 Milwaukee Depot. And there are  
 others to speak besides him  
 John M. Swan came in from  
 Ann Arbor to night and took up  
 his lodgings with us I suppose he comes  
 in to see Miss Bess she is the great  
 centre of attraction to him at least I  
 think so

Miss Kemp and Miss Forbes  
 came in to night Miss Kemp has  
 not been here for some time

There was a great illumination  
 took place sometime about 7 o'clock  
 this evening in Detroit and  
 a great procession of what they  
 call Farmers marched. The Farmers  
 are in imitation of General Grant who  
 was engaged in a Farming when he was  
 called to the war



OCTOBER.  
24—Saturday.

So the weather was fine but  
 cold. My lady looked wiser as  
 if we would have good weather for  
 a long time. I hope Indian Summer  
 has commenced.  
 We had no town business today  
 of any consequence.  
 The three months wonder has at  
 last been consummated and Sam  
 and Anderson has been transferred  
 to the United States authorities in  
 Indiana and handed over to  
 the Indian Bureau of Allan Plantation.  
 The detestable and his men he was  
 not doubt anxious to secure them  
 and with doubtless reap his reward.  
 We are not having much in the  
 political line of any moment. The  
 Spanish Revolution seems complete.  
 What the ultimate results of the affair  
 may be it is hard to tell. Some deem  
 anyone for a while who thus came  
 the nation. Today has come good  
 wholesome doctrine on Father's election.  
 I bought a commentary on the  
 temple today by Brown of Aberdeen.  
 A very good one indeed. Only paying  
 some ~~low~~ <sup>low</sup> amount for it. In this  
 affair, I studied my lesson as much  
 as I could to help in the Island  
 school but the multiplicity of business  
 keeps me from giving that attention  
 I require to such things.



25—Sunday.

So day the weather was beautiful all day a splendid day through out the school was pretty well attended today and we had a good meeting but it is hard to teach them so well as I could wish—

Dr. Mc Laren preached a good sermon today on the Parable of the Unjust Steward that pleased his Lord. It was a pretty good sermon in every way one of whom many I suppose would not like hear it none the less was really good one

In the afternoon we had a good ~~sermon~~ time at the Sunday School in fact we had quite a number present but we lacked some teachers as usual when their presence is required.

In the evening the Pastor gave us a really fine sermon on the words Sanctify them through thy truth the word is truth. It was really a good sermon he showed the errors in the church and showed and how Ritualism, Popery and a great many of the other kind of errors try to bring up the truth but that they had not succeeded even now in the Waldensian valleys they tried to crush it but it was not crushed should. None would up a splendid sermon in my opinion one of the best I ever listened to.



So say we had the weather very fine indeed and of all appearance I was coming Indian Summer. Our Police business was nothing today of any moment. I was busy with some matters in the office about taxes for a good part of the day.

The fight in regard to the Presidential Election seems to gather earnestness in its train. My own mind having taken the stump and is anything butness to the contest a few platitudes uttered by him cannot have much effect on the general issue.

This afternoon I have been collecting my thoughts a good deal as to the designation of the two or three subjects that is to come before us at Toronto. We had a good meeting tonight as we were very promptly come together to do work. I commenced with a few words on the ~~Packman~~ Parable of the Talents and introduced the idea of working. And then came into the idea of every man having a work to do and that if he could not do that work by talking by speaking by praying he might do it by giving a thrust or doing a good deed. Mr. Johnston also said something in fact he said a great deal of very good sense as he always does. We had really a very good meeting in every way. Of which should be of use and benefit to the Society at large.



Today the weather was fine all day  
until night.

I did not feel very well today  
in fact I was not able to eat or take  
my usual meal and I had some quams  
of conscience about going to Toronto. However  
I must against Helen's will I think  
I went about fitting ready as fast as  
I could and as night was nearly ready  
to start for Toronto to the Young Men's  
Christian Association Convention.

There was not much news of any  
kind today that I remember on worth  
noting here.

About seven o'clock I bade  
farewell to my folks at the house  
so I wound my way to the station  
but before getting there I was attacked  
with a regular headache and colic  
I was scarcely able to get along so  
I went to Whelan's saloon and got  
a drink of brandy but it was a poor  
affair and did me no good and  
I had just to content myself with  
going on to the train and bearing my  
infirmities until I got to Toronto but  
it was pretty tough I had a miserable  
night and used a miserable ride as  
everybody says poor mortal. I had to spend  
a good part of my time in the saloon  
or in the car one time I thought  
I would go back to Warden from Chatham  
instead of going on.



So day the weather was pretty good  
 3:15 o'clock A M found us in the  
 station at Hamilton and there we  
 had ~~time~~ to wait three hours for  
 the morning train for Toronto.

I was considerably wearied before  
 I got to Toronto and was very much  
 bothered with diarrhea until twelve  
 o'clock when I went to a drugist  
 under the city hall Toronto and  
 got a draught of something and that  
 stopped my bowels at once and I  
 was well. I found Mrs Williams  
 people all right but Bernette who  
 appeared to me to be drooping slowly  
 at night she had quite a severe attack  
 of coughing and from that I thought  
 she was not very long for this world.

I went to the meeting or rather  
 to the young mens hall at 10 o'clock  
 twelve o'clock and went to the meeting  
 about two o'clock and we had  
 the organization completed about two  
 45. John Mc Donald of Toronto was  
 elected President and accomplished  
 presided with considerable dignity gave  
 us a few words of thanks and his  
 motto "was every one his  
 work" which was much thought  
 of.

The officers were elected in and  
 around Toronto Hamilton and Montreal.

We then proceeded to the discussion  
 of the topics on the letter of  
 invitation which was sent us and  
 an excellent time we had our discussion  
 was really very good indeed.

In the evening we met in the  
 Wesleyan Church and had a very fine  
 time of it. Dr Wilson, James Macdonald  
 Moody and Purnham were the speakers.



I had a good nights sleep but the night  
was very cold indeed I scarcely have felt  
the cold so bad this year

Poor Betty Williams was very bad to  
night she was very much depressed I  
did not think she was going to live  
very long her death was very fast  
and very much confined. I prayed  
with her and was with her this evening  
for I thought we should not likely see her  
alive in the morning

We had Mr Moody had the prayer  
meeting at half past eight  
o'clock to half after nine and he did it  
very well indeed. he told us some good  
things and the time was occupied by  
and one was only five minutes

Then at half after nine we commenced  
our discussion and continued it on through  
the day which was very well done  
Some of the poor delegates were rather  
loose in their talk and full of desires  
but others again were really practicable  
such as Sumner Moody Drake and  
others so that we had an admirable  
time altogether

In the evening we had a splendid  
meeting in Russ's church it was  
crowded to the door and people could  
not get in. One of the preachers  
meeting was a man named Douglas  
Russell from Edinburgh who appears  
to have been doing a good work at last  
but was evidently labouring with the  
persecution that he was the man  
of all others to do the work  
Dr Burns did well and so did  
Moody admirably in fact Moody  
always does well



To day still very cold poor Betty  
 was no better sleeping fast I think  
 and will soon be amongst those  
 who join the ranks of the dead  
 at breakfast this morning I found  
 there was no, sheep, black Lamb and  
 therefore no home for me until next  
 day or rather tomorrow. I telegraphed  
 to Wenden with Helen I could not  
 get Wenden to pay as I had paid  
 the Linn, and I mentioned how bad  
 Betty was and that the Miss Williams  
 I then bought a few things and  
 came away with them about two  
 o'clock to Hamilton. I had a run  
 up to Hamilton and walked  
 through the city a little looking at  
 its buildings and churches and  
 went into the Anglo American hotel  
 and took my tea  
 and then I went to the Young  
 Men's Christian Association meeting  
 at Hamilton and addressed them  
 there the meeting was a pretty good  
 one and I told them a few things  
 the main over secretary was present  
 as the President of the Young Men's  
 meeting in Hamilton the meeting at Hamilton  
 was a pretty good one but I thought  
 it looked a little sorry. The sort of free  
 and easy way they took things  
 I started towards Wenden by train  
 at eleven and laid myself down  
 in a flat and went to sleep and  
 so ended today



The day was good got into the  
Wednesday station about seven o'clock  
or a little before and found all my  
folks pretty well. And I was much  
pleased with my trip to Toronto.  
There was a good deal of rain today  
blue like drift.  
Mama and Chas. Williams  
went to Toronto today but I am much  
doubt whether they will see with where  
ye Jack. I think she will be dead  
before they see her at least that is  
my impression.

I had a good deal of chat  
today with people who were anxious  
to hear about Toronto and what they are doing  
there.

My work in the office was all  
right there had been nothing during the  
time I was gone in fact no excitement  
at all.

I made the orders for the  
winter night watchmen today and  
notified them of the cessation of their  
work. They seemed a little annoyed  
about the affair but it did not  
matter all was right as the By-Law  
was passed all right.

A lot of my papers to come very  
hungry indeed in fact I scarcely know  
what they would do if I was not here.  
No news of any moment and I left  
some Mr. Green came in today the  
students had all gone off to the  
school and would not be back again  
until after Tuesday.



Today I was not very well  
I slept nearly all the time of  
Mr. Humphs sermon in the forenoon.  
A heavy fog came down and  
this Sabbath day I have lost a  
good deal because I was not in  
good trim.

In the afternoon I was expecting  
a great deal from two gentlemen  
that were to address the Sabbath school.  
They were from Detroit and Judge  
of my surprise ~~and~~ when they  
came, what a mess they made of  
the whole affair. I never heard  
an attempt where there was a  
great mistake. There was  
with us going up to these men  
however we were better that  
time and not be cheated again.  
Mr. Johnson of the Methodist Church  
engaged them and we put both  
schools together and we had quite a  
good gathering enough.

In the afternoon what of it was  
left from the long pointed speeches of these  
men I read a little.

And in the evening I was greatly  
in better trim in hearing Mr. Humphs  
give us a fair sermon in the evening.  
In going with the officers of the  
It truly offered us in the joyful  
heard no more of any moment  
they were listening to



2—Monday.

To day the weather was comparatively good all day and beautiful at night. I was busy & day all day with some little work I had ready for the council meeting & supper. I received a note from Miss Williams today informing me of the death of Purietta at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon that was before she was able to get up on Saturday evening with her sister Maria so that she could not have seen her alive.

In the evening we had a meeting of the council James Fraser was chosen in a council and took his seat for the first time at the council Board. The principal business was the great talk about appointing a new policeman which it was thought would be necessary as we had discharged all the others.

No other business came before the council in fact there was really nothing done of any moment with the calling of a meeting.

After the meeting I went down to the young men's Christian Association meeting and gave them a short address then about the work at Gormsby and I agreed to give them the balance on Thursday next.



To day was beautiful in every way. This was the election day for the President of the United States and a fine day they have had in my country over at school. How soon they get on there and they seemed all mightily in earnest about their work in fact there was considerable excitement amongst the Ward politicians. I know nothing to hear about the result. I bought a book called "Vote Among the Winds" a splendid book one of the very best I have ever handled.

In the evening Helen and I went to the Good Templars Social and a Capital one it was there were only three speeches one from Mr. Johnston one from Mr. Kemp and one from their Chief Templar in Michigan. The man from Michigan was too slow altogether in fact I don't like such designations of men as he gave no love to by far the best method of dealing with these people far better than demonstrations altogether at least I think so and I am sure of it in every way. Kemp was a pretty fair speaker but nothing to boast of. The party broke up at about 10 o'clock.



4—Wednesday.

The weather was quite pretty good  
 frost and colds have carried  
 the day by large majorities all the  
 northern states some frost and  
 colds except New York and New Jersey  
 so that the Republicans are very  
 jubilant they never were so much  
 before I suppose as their majority is  
 larger than what Abraham Lincoln had  
 the second time.

No Police business of any  
 moment today at all in fact  
 our Police business has been quite  
 small since the night policemen  
 were discharged.

In the evening we had a Prayer  
 meeting and ~~before~~ the musical  
 instruments large before session and  
 was by them referred to the congregation  
 on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1868  
 so that we will have quite  
 a discussion on the subject I expect.

Mr Cameron is very much against  
 musical instruments and will  
 doubtless oppose us to the death  
 how he will succeed I don't know  
 but he is a queer creature one  
 of the queerest that I ever saw  
 on the subject.

No news of any moment  
 I see they are going to dissolve  
 the British Parliament on the  
 15<sup>th</sup> and the most of the  
 elections will be held from the  
 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month  
 Gladstone it is said will have a  
 good majority.



Today the weather was pretty good  
all day

We had a case up today of Lewis  
Evans against a man named Bloom  
for stealing tools and we really had  
a good case but Lewis like a good deal  
of him so but I thought he did not  
intend to steal the tools

No news of much moment unless  
it be the publication of ~~the~~ the Republicans  
at Grants election. He has carried all  
but New York and New Jersey with  
very large majorities and of course the  
publication of the Republicans New York  
sounds

We had a very good monthly  
meeting of the Young Men's Christian  
Association to which I gave them  
a sketch of my work at Toronto and  
what they are going to do and how  
we expect to do it. I spoke about  
3/4 of an hour. I don't think they  
regard as flag any in the least but  
were much interested in the work of  
the Association and we parted  
much pleased with the evening's  
entertainment. We did not visit  
any members from the fact that  
we had now reports of them.  
He spoke and has now brought  
down his price to \$600 in annum  
by the unit. He went a very reasonable  
sum certainly.



6—Friday

Today the weather was, good all day. I was busy amongst my books nothing of any moment came up before the Police Court today that is worth the relating here.

I sent a note to Miss Williams today to come home in the evening of the week. I was afraid that she would not go right in attending at the school.

Yesterday and the day before we had in the school the excellent Report of Professor Gairdner on the higher education of the youth of Canada. A most excellent Report it is and one that goes to the very root of the matter we just is goes not only to the root of the matter but goes to show how all this labour and drudgery might be got over and a much superior system inaugurated. Wherein the higher English models of thought might be inaugurated than the classes for instance Mr. Aubrey might be substituted in some of the classical authors as he shows very clearly that it is all nonsense for to have boys going over the study of Latin when they have intended to follow our Army or the professions wherein the study of Latin is required. If therefore we substitute the study of the best English authors than our education as far as common life is concerned would be much better it would be in their eyes and give them a taste for good authors.



To day the weather was very good all day. We had a long case before the police court. To day had a very strange one it was it was from the Township of Sandwich and one of the men in it was a man by the name of Sharp a member of our church although poor man it is long since he came to the and it is possible that he just has forgotten all his good and holy thoughts which he had when a member of the church. The other man was a man by the name of Currie and another man by the name of Reman a Dutchman that attacked the house of a man that is married to a Coloured woman and who they say has not a good character and a thousand other plans but is no reason why they should attack his house with guns and shoot through his windows we were at the case this afternoon until six o'clock in the evening.

William Huddimen came in to night to stay all night with us it appears poor fellow his was the Anniversary of his wedding day some twenty six years ago and I suppose he did not like to stay at home at such a time as that and therefore I suppose celebration among his friends.



8—Sunday.

To say the weather has been the worst we have had for a long time it has ruined the future day out and out. Our Sabbath school was not much to say of any moment. I talked to the children a little on the lesson but not a great deal.

Our church was very thin today. Mr Kemp preached pretty well but still with a thin church it did not do quite as well and was not so impressive as it would otherwise have been.

In the afternoon we had a short discourse from Mr Carroll and he gave the children a good few anecdotes which were very good indeed.

In the evening we had an excellent discourse from <sup>him</sup> on the third chapter of Zechariah about ~~Joshua~~ the high priest appearing before God and Satan was there. The idea was that Joshua appeared in his rags and Satan was there to do his steps but when Joshua was sometime there his rags fell off and a new garment was given him and a mitre was put on his head. The discourse was all good.

Mr Carroll is a man that came out from Scotland with a Mr Douglas Ruskel. They are two laymen and they are woodcutters and have been doing a great work in salt and so has Mr Carroll in London. He has roused them up greatly and sowed some of the seeds of truth in their hearts.



9—Monday.

Today the weather was no better than yesterday it rained the entire day throughout and rained all last night.

I was busy this forenoon in getting ready the case of Sharp and others of Anderson's case, so as to be ready for the assizes tomorrow. No news of any moment further than that they say Chas. is going to be arrested for the purpose of the Belknap rule but whether that is true or not I cannot say it is hard to say.

In the evening we had an excellent meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association room. There was quite a large turn out notwithstanding the bad night it was the old man Robinson lead the meeting and seemed as I thought a little nervous over the matter. He was followed by the clerk who took for his text the words "wherever shall a young man cleanse his way it was early a good and comfortable address in every way one which affords considerably an amount of thought on the part of each. I trust God will bless it to the young men who heard it and it will be like the seed sown in good soil springing upward and bearing forth fruit.



10—Tuesday.

Today the weather was fine all day. The assizes opened at Sandwich today. Henry G. Barker is the acting judge. In the present it appears the common law have appointed Justice Richards chief Justice of the Queen's Bench and Magistrate Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and other lawmen. Kenneth W. Denzle is the Queen's Counsel this year for this assizes and there are quite a number of very severe cases such as the murder of the Capt. Munn at Amherstburgh and the killing of the Bellhouse Mills. There is a numerous judge about the Bellhouse Mills they actually now say that they have got good evidence against him by a man by the name of Smith who was said to have accompanied Birmingham to Bellhouse Mills and saw him get fire to the Mills and also gave him to understand that he should had him.

In the evening we had a meeting in the Church which was addressed by Mr. Carroll who preached for us on Sunday night last. He took the words said I not know that if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God. Well he gave us a capital address principally upon faith and that it was, in fact, of it that we did not succeed so well in our religious matters. A very spirited address he gave us. Louisa Buchanan came from Chatham this morning.



NOVEMBER.  
11—Wednesday.

Today the weather was very good all day. I understand that true bells were found in all the cases coming before the grand jury. They seemed determined to do up things. It appears that last night we had some Jack trying to escape from his bait and he was looked up and shipped and Wilson took him down to day and delivered him up and thought to say they were all dead. Mr. Remond, Mr. Reule did his best to convert Henry, Betty, John Brown had Edward Kauraham on the way and they let them off in Jack as was a made up plan to let them off. Our gang law then comes into picture just under that head and that head alone.

I understand Mr. Mr. Munkin is engaged in the investigation of the Williamson tragedy but what he will make of it remains to be seen. Nothing being that I have heard of yet. Miss Williams came home today from front last night. She apparently had had chicken pox or something like that. When she was very much troubled about the affair for the children it is from this. We had the Irish Society meeting to night at the Methodist church but we did not do much in fact there were very few present. I proposed to go round to the New Park ~~this~~ tomorrow morning to collect for it.



12—Thursday.

Today the weather was very good  
I went to Sandwich this afternoon  
to see how the assizes which were going  
on at Sandwich.

The assizes were engaged in the trial  
of Medley for the murder of Captain  
Munn. It appears that Munn had on  
him about \$400 and that Medley  
Brown and Rutley were all loading  
near a woodpile on or near Salmon's dock  
at Amherstburgh and that as Munn  
was coming up to the main street near  
Salmon's house they knocked him  
down and the heavy blow given him  
by Medley caused his death. His skull  
was fractured. John Bloomer in  
conducting the case seemed extremely  
uncontent and he glared towards  
McKenzie who was prosecuting for the  
rown. In the evening we had a

meeting of the Sabbath School teachers  
when it was unanimously agreed  
that we should make a collection  
for the use of the Sabbath School  
instead of having a social or any  
thing like that. And that I was  
to draw out a paper to that effect.  
The folks at the house were well  
pleased at that. Helen said she would  
collect the money for us. Which is  
a good deal.

I collected today with Mr. Kern  
\$20 for the tract society. He was  
much pleased and went away  
joyous.



To day the weather was quite pretty  
 and they converted Monday & day  
 of Monday and now they are going  
 on with the trial of Huntley the  
 other one. I heard that Reynolds McKinnin  
 & game John O'Connell a tremendous  
 dressing & day in fact he stated that  
 he had been experienced such inde and  
 uncourteous ~~and~~ treatment from any  
 member of the profession before as he  
 had done from O'Connor. It appears  
 that the old chap made a capital  
 speech from his point of view on  
 the case of Monday.

The British Parliament was  
 prorogued on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the votes  
 were all issued on that day. It was  
 within a short time. I suppose the  
 turmoil will be cheerful in England  
 on the next two weeks the great  
 extension of the franchise and the  
 new blood that will be infused  
 into the house will do us some good  
 that I hope all will pass off well and  
 that we shall soon have an excellent  
 Parliament in England.

And much our Governor General  
 attended from the spot to day. I believe  
 and will say by the way  
 tomorrow in England he has returned  
 very well. And deserves our best  
 thanks. The vote of thanks or rather  
 Parliament passed a vote of thanks  
 to him and sent a deputation to  
 Quebec & present is



14—Saturday.

To day the weather was very good  
state

The prisoners at Sandwich  
were all sentenced today the two Medley  
and Purthy were both sentenced to be  
hung on the twenty first day of December  
next there is no hope for Medley Purthy  
may be improved but Purthy Medley  
cannot be improved

There were two bills found against  
Chesson and Roberts for arson & murder  
but the trial was put off until the  
spring assizes a pretty hard feed in  
my opinion for really there is no evidence  
against Chesson as far as I have been  
able to see.

I was across the river this afternoon  
but I did not buy anything but the  
~~Robert~~ Independent & the United States  
papers are very quiet now since  
their election there is scarcely any  
news in them worth looking at

We had no snow to night  
I studied my Sabbath lesson yesterday  
of the paper to night and in that I  
am carrying out the ideal of the  
Saverton Yarns men's Christian Association  
that is instead of studying the newspaper  
we ought to study a word for the evening  
meeting of the Association my Sabbath  
school work is lovely look indeed it  
is the best work we have got any  
where that is in doing good

Lacey, Bill came from Minnesota  
today he looks rather poor and  
miserable but I don't think he is  
any worse as far as his cough is  
concerned



Today the weather was very fair but cold and the wind from the east blowing cold all day.

I went to the colored Sabbath School in the morning and I had really a very good school. Some of the scholars were very well but have for our lesson at present that part of Matthew giving an account of our Lord's crucifixion. I gave them a story about the death of John Huss the great Reformer that preceded the Reformation.

Mr. Thompson only gave us a 20 or 25 lesson today in fact I thought he had not studied it well. And was Mr. Thompson much interested.

In the afternoon we had a very fair Sabbath school and I talked to the children a little and fasten more. I told them that they must come to the school time through every hand. After they were before the school began. I told the school the story of the prisoners who had been at the Sabbath school and who when he came back from the army met his former teacher and said that his last was bread and other kindnesses of plenty offered as one of the prisoners. And he would go to work. In the evening we got a fair address from Mr. Daniel Kuzir was a little rambling in fact he did not come up to the mark so well as I expected. He is very hard at telling a story indeed he is very poor in my opinion his address was to young men especially.



16--Monday.

To day the weather was still pretty good but threatened rain at night. On Saturday we furnished food pretty badly by giving him £20 in selling liquor in smaller quantities than some quart.

I was busy with some matters pertaining to Council to night and I was glad to be able to put the Council with my work all done to night. We had a meeting the principal topic to night was the appointment of a night police the petition to that effect was referred to the Police Committee. I looked up the matter a little and showed that the first trust that called for the appointment of night police were only one fifth of the population. I don't think Cameron which is pretty well.

After the meeting of the young Council I went down to the young men's association prayer meeting and read them Rogers letter on deathbed consolation the purport of which is to show the consolation arising from such a meeting done of an atheist or infidel even if the infidel has been master of would rather believe that Christians lie. No news of any moment a number of the English elections will doubtless be decided today when the nomination takes place.

Lange's Bill went to Colchester today by the Florence.



We have had a tremendous day  
 of rain today the most of the day  
 is turned the most of the night  
 The police business today was very  
 little except in the evening when  
 a lot of Mrs Newton was brought  
 in for stealing a goat from Old  
 Pegg's blouty. She of Belle River  
 who had left the goat in the station  
 from of the Great Western Railway and  
 he had stolen it from there blouty  
 was so drunk that he could not  
 give his evidence to night.

The English elections that were  
 of yesterday went largely in the  
 Liberals. And they made several  
 gains it appears so that the Rad  
 are evidently in great spirits.

The Parliamentary News from London  
 says amongst other things we are  
 having a little tittle on some of the  
 bills which, John Lubbock is bringing  
 in and he seems in extremely bad  
 humor sometimes but, Mark Twain  
 gives a good dressing when he goes at  
 him.

There are quite a number of  
 new buildings going up in the  
 town of Windsor. James better  
 one at the corner of our street is  
 a pretty good one and is trying to  
 look rather well and a fine  
 corner on it.

By other news of any interest  
 that I hear of  
 Had a letter from Mr. Peck to night  
 about apples. Said that in Kent  
 they by Florence he charges five dollars  
 they are good.



Today the weather was bleak and miserable  
and threatened snow a little.

We tried Ralph Weston today. He  
is a great scoundrel he was just as  
unconcerned as any body could be about  
his guilt of stealing the Mans Coar  
and so he was committed for  
trial to the Sessions and Crown  
Court. He will go and attend to  
his own little business and shine  
himself when he is tried.

English systems, state progress  
for the English Liberals they are claiming  
that they will have a large majority.  
John Stuart Mill has been defeated  
in Westminster I partially expected he would  
he had no business interfering in other  
elections as he did.

We had our Organ Meeting to night  
and a pretty good meeting it was  
there were about twenty or thirty  
members present. Mr. Cameron opened  
the ball against the organ and Mr.  
McNish for it and I was like  
a go between the two parties. and  
Mr. Gough was the same. We  
did very well and things were very  
moderately done but Mr. McNish  
was included to do a little agitation  
but he was allowed to offenise and  
the thing passed off easily.

The votes were taken and Mr. Cameron  
lost against the organ was defeated  
by a large majority of 64. Mr. Gough  
and I not voting.



The weather was quite cold and frosty and a slight colony of snow on the ground.

We had only a few drinks before the Police Court today nothing to note.

The English elections seem to have gone largely as set in the Liberals at least so claims the Times and other Liberal papers and from all appearances Mr Gladstone is the man in the situation and will have a large majority.

I went to Sandwich this ~~afternoon~~ <sup>afternoon</sup> to arrange some book tapes with the Librarian and got them fixed all up and came back.

In the afternoon the Police Committee had a meeting and arranged about how many policemen ought to be appointed and when they came to compare notes they agreed to put only one policeman on Commission instead of two or other matters being before the Committee is adjourned and I will write out their report.

The Legislature of Ontario is not doing much it is only mulling as Legislature the Nova Scotians are in a ferment as Joseph Howe having withdrawn from the Appeal Movement and all sorts of rumination and acrimony is the consequence and a general row. No news of any moment worth recording simply that that we are all well. A letter from Mr. Webb to us at present he leaves for Pontiac on Saturday.



20—Friday.

Today the weather is still cold but  
pleasant.  
We had home in the Blue boat  
today for a wonder.  
I wrote a notice of the Church  
Meeting to the Herald today and also  
a notice about the Policeman and  
the Police Committee.

In the afternoon I went across the  
ferris and went into Arnold's and  
bought a book called "The Culture demanded  
by Modern life" a course of lectures  
by eminent men on different subjects.  
I read one of them this evening and  
a capital lecture it is it is by Lyndal  
and he is a most able man. He  
writes on physics and poetry on the  
Ladysman. All are good I read them  
last or to night with much zest.  
They will assist me in my lecture  
on Culture.

A suggest must do to the Arnold  
the Book seller in Detroit but his shoar  
last night troubles in his business  
said to the reason it seems melancholy  
to have a man put an end to  
his existence in that way.

The English elections still progressing  
favorably for the Liberals they are now  
said to be over the hundred and  
thirty of a majority.

A poor old woman by the name of  
Brown from Rosochard was buried this  
afternoon her husband is Walter Farmer  
at the Hop yard.



Still very shabby weather cold and  
 rain very. We had a man and woman  
 both before the Police Court today.  
 The man was fined but could not  
 pay his fine and the woman was  
 fined and paid her fine. She was  
 one of those bad women from Detroit  
 and she seemed to have a great many  
 sympathizers amongst the fast young  
 men.

~~Local~~ Conservatives and the Progressives  
 of Hartington are defeated. The Liberals  
 are now 142 ahead and still  
 apparently progressing towards a better  
 majority. The working men's candidates  
 nowhere.

There seems to be a prodigious  
 effort on the part of the Unitarians  
 to make another onslaught on  
 the Treasury by Unitarian Basking  
 or does seem to me to be one of the  
 most formidable scrambles imaginable  
 but the Methodists are at the  
 bottom of the whole affair.

I saw Mr. Green come in from  
 Army Arbor Prison and is staying  
 at James Partridge's.

I have studied my Sabbath school  
 lesson this evening on the Crucifixion  
 of Christ it seems a dreadful anguish  
 which he suffered and all in a filthy  
 world. ~~Reckless~~ Days.

Is it not strange the darkest hour  
 that can dawned on sinful earth  
 should touch the heart with softness  
~~There~~ for comfort than an angel's words.



22—Sunday.

Today the weather was clear and cold all day. Wind from the North a white frost in morning. I went to the coloured Sabbath School in the morning and I had a very good school our Lesson was from the thirty eighth Verse of the XXVII Chap of Matthew down to the 49. The sermon of our Lord the children answered pretty well and some good perhaps was done.

Mr Kemp preached from the words of our Lord "Not my will but thine be done" A fair sermon but poorly delivered. The idea that I run through it was the exaltation of our own wills instead of Christ's will. We had no service in the evening. Mr Kemp went to open the Church at Maidstone this afternoon. We had a pretty fair Sabbath School today about 45 children were present. Our Lesson was the Chap of John 1<sup>st</sup> 14 verses. The marvellous feeding of the five thousand. The children understood it very well in fact many of them answered very well indeed and after asking them a few questions I gave them the story of the two little children of a leaved Father who were Sabbath School children and through their prayers were the means of converting their Father.

In the evening I read anecdotes to the children while all the rest were at church and some of them were very striking indeed. "One told a student in being supplied with money" "The sailor who was praying in the storm where the Captain told him to stop his prayers in fear together."

Then after they came home from church I retired up stairs and read a most admirable lecture on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessians by J. Paterson of Perth upon Good Advice the Young Men's Christian Association of London England. In which the power of the Gospel was shown to a very great extent perhaps more upon him than any man in the nineteenth century.



Today the weather was cold and frosty and clear a fine day. There were a few drunks in the dock-<sup>up</sup> and were fined, a good bit which helped to pay the charges. There were no news of any moment to day except that the English Whigs appear to be paying all eyes for the liberals their vote will be a large one apparently and will be somewhat unsteady. Gladstone carried the nomination at South West Lancashire on Saturday but then it is a long constituency and he may be defeated.

Today a brother of Bushan's died at Bushan's house I was not aware that he was there until Mr. Cameron told me he seemed to be bad of consumption and then he had been a severe drinker in his day and no doubt ruined his constitution.

In the afternoon I did not do much I was anxious to go and see Bushan but was informed by Mr. Hurst he was dead.

Our Young Men's Prayer Meeting was held at 7 o'clock there were Mr. May, Messrs. Woodbridge, Lead, off and he was quite good on Betshazzar's Feast the hand writing on the wall was his theme but not just such a theme as I would have chosen. Some of the young men followed and really the meeting was very interesting. I said a few words on the Sacred Vessels or things set apart for the use of the Lord when the ark of the covenant was taken amongst the Philistines to show how it made them very uncomfortable and when it was set in the camp of Dagon Mr. Dagon's head was found in the floor in the morning. I also spoke of the great doctrine of justification by faith & and about the church.



24--Tuesday.

To day the weather was very good  
all day.

We started in the morning with  
a case of stealing from Bill Moor a  
man entered the dwelling house of  
Moses Roberts at Belle River and stolen  
a lot of Mrs Roberts things he pleaded  
guilty and the old fellow was sent by the  
Magistrate for three months to East Wall  
once sent him for three months before  
for stealing an overcoat.

There were some others who were fined  
for being drunk and disorderly and sent  
about their business it is really astonishing  
how many of these wretches we have  
around us at present.

No news of any moment today we did  
not hear anything from British elections  
today Gladstones election will be going on to  
day. A few of these landlords are still  
about who have a large influence on  
election matters.

In the evening we had a meeting  
of the Council and appointed a report  
man namely Charles Bissett  
was appointed again I don't think  
the merchants liked it that Bissett  
was put on his other business  
of any moment with slating at the  
Council meeting.

John S Buchanan came up today  
and is to go down to Monroa tomorrow.

Louisa Buchanan went away Mrs M. Supper  
to stay for a day or two before she goes  
down home to Colchester she thinks of  
going down soon.



We had a lot of digging I am all day & day is continued on until night. No news of any moment this morning looks in the gladstone defeat in doubt to what Lancashire by a majority of about 200 which will doubtless be rather humiliating to them but there it is on account of the hatred of the Irish so it is said at least.

No other business of any moment further than some drinks in the Lark-up which we have now about every day.

No other business of very great importance. Mr. Cameron went to Toronto today. I asked him about books for Sabbath School purposes and got as catalogues and ascertain discount in on that point.

We had the Ocean Meeting in the evening and we got a card from Mr. Kemp on Emersons from himself and also from a letter from China on the work of missions there.

In the afternoon today I work up a little of my essay on "Self Culture" which I intend reading very soon before the young men's Christian association. I read a good deal on self help in fact I have been considering everything that could be gathered on the subject although I have not yet seen Channing's article on self culture which is said to be the best.

But there are some excellent examples in that book on self culture or perseverance which deserves a passing notice.



26—Thursday.

So deep the weather was rather drizzly in the morning but cleared off nicely towards night.

No much business in Police Court today. I wrote up Minutes and 103 ~~Letters~~ today. I went to David Buchanan's funeral this afternoon he was taken across the river. I went to the Scotch church with it and the Rev. officiated. There was a fair large turn out the day being Thanksgiving day. There was a very large turnout of Scotchmen they sang nothing today. I cannot say that I admire the Scotch element as it is seen in Detroit very much.

I saw yesterday an abominable transaction by David Lorenz and company in Montreal whereby they cheated the Bank of British North America out of \$1000. The way it was Lorenz and Co induced Garwood of St Thomas to deposit in \$1000 when that came due Garwood went and got the bank to know and then took a cheque and sent it down to Lorenz and Co to cash the old one and also accept the new but instead of that they took up the old note and and refused to accept the small one. Charles Cameron came over from the other side to supper and heard that letter us. He is a very intelligent fellow. I saw his funeral I think his idea of reading so much of John Stuart Mills Political Economy every morning was a grand idea & the



To day the weather was really  
 very fine and pleasant all day  
 we had nothing today of any moment  
 at the Police Court they were all discharged  
 no news of any moment except that  
 Mr Gladstone's majority ~~at~~ in Parliament  
 appears to be 117 or sticking at that  
 Our Presbyterian people are at work  
 getting their organ across I understand  
 it will be out this afternoon or tomorrow  
 I am really afraid that it will  
 do mischief and that we shall  
 have a split off which we can ill  
 afford at present. Our friend Kemp  
 wants to put all his shoulder to the  
 wheel to help us along I think we certainly  
 need more enlightenment from the pulpit than  
 we are getting

Our teacher Mr Mac Farther is quite sensible  
 and useful. He is present at his school I  
 should like very much to take a hold  
 of that school and deal with it for  
 a while.

Our Parliamentary work at Toronto is  
 progressing pretty well I think our Legislators  
 are doing very well in one sense but John  
 Landfield Macdonald is just taking a  
 leaf out of Disraeli's book and conforming  
 himself to the views of his opponents.

A tremendous explosion in a colliery  
 at Wigan in England, quite a number  
 of lives lost by the Telegraph says  
 we have a Townsend family playing  
 in the Town Hall at present said to  
 be good actors



28—Saturday

Today the weather was pretty fair, inclined  
 to be but we had very little rain. The roads  
 were scarcely any worse.

Our folks business continues light  
 in fact we had none of any moment  
 worth speaking about today.

No news of any moment unless  
 it be that our friends got the  
 organ into the church today and  
 played it this evening at the practice  
 of music. Not a very pretentious looking  
 thing by any means. In fact  
 it was like a little cupboard than  
 anything.

Parliamentary business not much  
 of anything. I see they are going  
 to alter our school matters a very  
 great deal and are going to abolish  
 the Government Superintendent of Schools  
 which will to my mind be a very  
 disastrous on the schools. In fact  
 I think if they appoint a Superintendent  
 from the colonies they will almost  
 break up the affair altogether.

I suppose the English systems are  
 all going to suffer and the parties  
 as the slow says sometimes will  
 be counting noses and heads  
 and how they will get along  
 when they come in deadly conflict  
 when they meet.

I studied my Sabbath School Lesson  
 today very well up as I could  
 not get other news worth remembering.

I was informed by William Mac  
 Ewan to night that he had a law  
 against me for \$212 sent a law  
 when we settled in three years ago  
 it was the Botton, Barter, Mackellar  
 and Barter note.



To day the weather was pretty good all day.

Went to Sabbath School (Colonia) in the morning and our lesson was the Sermon of our Lord. I told them a few things that were in the lesson and I asked a few questions.

Mr. Rump preached a fair sermon on being stayed on the Lord. A pretty good sermon. His illustrations were well put on some points such as the masts of the ship which were tall but well fastened to the hull and then stayed with shrouds so that the vessel might go ~~and~~ on altogether but the masts would be stayed and so on other illustrations in part of the best kind finished the discourse.

We had the organ today for the first time in the church it did pretty well considering. I think the singing was altogether better but Miss Thompson cannot play as fast so well as the organ.

Barbara I think played as better at the Sabbath School. Our lesson at the school today was not so interesting as it might be. It is being utterly doctrine and the children did not understand it so well.

In the evening the Ministers sermon was positively beneath contempt. There was nothing in it that I could take with me.

I read a good deal of a book called the Boyards of Glasgow.



30—Monday.

Today the weather was good all day  
 No news of any importance  
 Our work is getting lighter. The Constables  
 just being taken away from the High  
 Courtroom makes it much better and  
 I think is well then our the Passals  
 The English questions now appear to  
 be all finished but Gladstone's Mayoralty  
 will not be so large as it otherwise might  
 be in fact the Lord's given I have picked  
 up wonderfully in the lower counties where  
 Derby is strong that is where the cause  
 of Stanley's family influence is immense  
 There is a great way going on over  
 the war between the Chaudhries and  
 those who are opposed to him in fact  
 spreading seeds to be universally  
 detested by a large proportion of his  
 party but then he is high and can  
 buy half of the heavy pay hawks up  
 We had a pretty fair meeting at the  
 young men's Christian association  
 to night considering that there was  
 a theatre company of the Lonsdale family  
 at the Town Hall to night and it seemed  
 to me almost wonderful that so many  
 should be at the meeting I think  
 matters must have some effect on  
 the young men I talked a little to  
 the boys to night and sent them  
 encouraged his part very well indeed  
 he took on his theme the 14 chap of  
 St John's Gospel I thought he did  
 remarkably well None of the young  
 men went very apt at speaking but  
 many went willing and that is  
 a good deal  
 I wrote two letters on the bottom paper  
 note to Gamble today I am glad  
 I have found the last note we paid  
 on the matter



1—Tuesday.

Today the weather was pretty good all day.

The afternoon boat put today out and I had a trip to the Grammar School and to the Court Inspectors and from out to Police Magistrate in a short time himself and converted Edward Smith and his wife in keeping a house of bad game and entertained them today a fine of ten dollars each.

The Grammar School is very important as yet we have no scholars of any moment at school. I was very much surprised at Barbara, at her spelling and some things that she did in her dictation. Several words she could not spell which I thought was unpardonable and I showed her up about the matter.

The Inspector seems a fine little fellow evidently a fine scholar a good French scholar too he evidently can speak French in his pronunciation. He is quite against the Educational bill making the Superintendent of Grammar School a boresome affair in which I connect some very heavy cases were before the ~~Police~~ Court today such as Douglas and others of that sort. The Court left for Montreal today and away a week.

There was quite a fire at the Walker Loan & Agency two wooden shops. The fire engine was up and Tom Hamilton was drunk could scarcely get the engine to work. The fire all wrong something out of place.



2—Wednesday.

To day weather good but cold  
 I was very tired to day from  
 being at Jay last night. I got very  
 wet my clothes like to stand alone  
 when I came home last night  
 got quite a drenching all through  
 The fire was a most ridiculous  
 affair they took second the whiskey  
 in barter full Thomas Hamblin  
 was very drunk before going to the fire  
 and after to day all day  
 The fire committee met and  
 resolved upon his dismissal and  
 the appointment of Austin  
 Oliver Bowden was treasurer  
 of and proposed to come and  
 do it and was recommended  
 by the committee  
 The ridiculous fiasco that the  
 fire company made and the  
 expense is in every body's  
 mouth this morning  
 We had the paper meeting to night  
 but there was not much interest  
 of any moment  
 Robert Howie was up to supper  
 and he informed us that Sarah  
 Chyne and Wags was to be  
 married on the twenty third  
 of this month. She Sarah to  
 all appearance will not have her  
 wedding to seek  
 not much news of any moment



Today the weather was pretty good all day. I was busy getting ready for the Council to meet to night. They are going to get a new chairman or rather are going to appoint one. The Council met but did not appoint any chairman although they asked & appointed but both officers out of one and got one man to take care of the Town Hall and the other to take care of the Council then adjourned and to meet again on the regular meeting night.

From there we went to the Young Men's Christian Association the regular monthly meeting. There was a fair attendance at the meeting. And after our regular business the time was occupied in reading some very extracts from the scriptures. I read them one on hypocrisy and the punishment which should be awarded to it.

No news of any interest farther than the resignation of Mr. Desraeli and the vigorous calling in of Gladstone from a Ministry. How he will succeed remains to be seen. He has not got along sometimes very well but in this case he may do very well.



4—Friday.

So day in the morning Joe had a  
 heavy wind from the East could not  
 make an fire at all in the cook  
 stove and it was so cold and looked  
 so much like snow that I ran down  
 street and got a hold of James and  
 he sent me a man and I went  
 at once to work and began to put  
 boarding around the bottom of the  
 house as quick as I could I did  
 not do any work at the Loun Ball today  
 at all but went to work to assist the  
 Mary at the house and we got  
 the boards on all right round  
 but before we got through one of  
 the most desperate storms came  
 on that I ever saw blowing a  
 regular hurricane from the East and  
 snow with and miserable in every  
 way. It blown our house well  
 but very much the better of the  
 wind up and we well the much  
 better in every way.  
 The Israel Ministry have agreed  
 and Gladston has been sent for  
 to form a cabinet by the Queen  
 There is no doubt but he will have  
 a good deal of difficulty about the  
 matter the disestablishment of the  
 Irish Church will be a good deal of  
 rough work for him and he will  
 have to please a good many old whigs  
 about the matter



To day the weather was still  
 cold and quite a storm still from  
 the East. We could not do much  
 but we got the kitchen under way  
 and got part of supper done.  
 For old Thomas & Aunt Tom go still  
 drunk as a fool. He scarcely can  
 draw a sober breath at all.  
 I was busy all day with  
 Goodman's Mapping Map. My return  
 of convictions for the Quarter Session.  
 Next week we did very well we  
 nearly finished them today but will  
 easily finish them on Monday so  
 that we will be ready for matters  
 and things when the Session meets  
 on Tuesday.

John Lloyd Field has introduced  
 a Bill to shorten the number of Quarter  
 Sessions. He is now only going to have  
 three must have been six months instead  
 of four. I have a note from Mr. Hall  
 on school matters and I wrote  
 a note to Mr. Town asking  
 whether he was coming to the Board  
 meeting on Mon- and giving him a  
 little news.  
 There is to be quite a contest  
 my nephew on the Quaker's Ship  
 Chandler is opposed by the people of the  
 interior. The first boat from Boston  
 and two Quakers from Detroit.



6—Sunday.

Today the weather was very cold  
but we got matters pretty comfortably  
taking all things into consideration.  
The girls held a day at the school  
the 26th chapel <sup>meeting</sup> will take the  
evening services of the 28th next week  
into a meeting. There is school  
considering the bad day.

Mr. Samp preached well both days  
today in fact we were well satisfied  
with him in every way both  
morning and evening.

Mr. Cameron did not come to  
church neither times today. I  
don't know the reason why but  
I suppose the organ will be the thing.  
Our Sabbath school was well  
attended today and notwithstanding  
the fact that quite a sensation  
was being made by a blessing of  
a Bill for the Catholic Church nor  
one of our boys went off and  
I praised them up pretty well  
told them that I would see they  
had to give them some prizes.

I did not feel much today as  
Charles Cameron from Detroit came  
up and took away my time a good  
deal. I went to work to read a little  
in the evening but not a great deal  
when is a little frail and not  
very well.

Sarah Cheney is smothering away  
greatly at the prospect of her wedding  
with boys.



7--Monday.

Today the weather was pretty cold indeed in fact it is getting quite better only I think 10° degrees above zero today. I came back today I had only been at Ottawa and could not get the length of my trial without taking up too much time as he said the Grand Trunk Road was very bad. We got ready our returns in the

seasons long time. Complete manuscripts return and altogether we had over fifty contributions this time which is really a very great deal.

In the evening we had the young men's Christian Association meeting. Alex. Black led the meeting and gave us a heavy paper on the predominance of popery. Christmas a good deal of good claps he left at them. There were several fellows and among the rest Mr. Lumbie who gave an interview with a man who had been a doctor and a miserable fellow in his history and a pernicious catchman to boot. I don't know who he was but he had been a miserable traitor. I was very weary.

I followed Lumbie and gave them a few things just as they came up to work in my mind.



8—Tuesday.

Today the frost is still increasing we  
 had it at or nearly at zero last night.  
 I was busy all the day at ~~Quincy~~  
 the Town Hall in fixing up some matters.  
 I wrote a note to Charles Hunt yesterday  
 in which I took him to task about  
 calling me Sunday. I said to him  
 that I was quite willing to use the  
 word Sunday from a friend in a  
 colloquial way but when I was  
 addressed through the Post Office in  
 that way it was carrying the joke  
 a little too far.

Understanding there is a very  
 heavy Quarter Session this time  
 something like the Civil Suits which  
 is a good deal.

I got a very kind note from Mr  
 Swan today ~~but~~ he is to be  
 here at the ~~examination~~ on Tuesday  
 next if possible I shall be glad  
 to see him.

It appears Gladstone  
 finds some difficulty in the  
 establishment of his Ministry.  
 Sometimes it has John Bright  
 in it and sometimes it has not  
 but I suppose we shall soon know  
 as soon as the paper comes.



Today the weather was very cold thermometer about zero. I am beginning to run in the evening. The Quaker Sessions are very busy. I understand the parties who were brought up in shooting at the negro parade in Sandwich East were drunken and wild.

Esse Newton's son Ralph Newton was found guilty of stealing the coat from the Freshman at the station of the Great Western Railway and has been told they are going to send him to the Penitentiary in a couple of years which will do him good.

I did not go to the prayer meeting to night. I was quite unwell with a heavy head. My pulse was up at 110 which I thought was not healthy for me to be in. I went early to bed. To night I felt quite unwell all the time. No news of any moment worth speaking about.

It appears that Russ and his Brothers and Anderson then was here have all been hung by a mob of Lyman county Indiana and that the officials were powerless to prevent it. What a fearful state of affairs that is in a civilized country. But so it is and so it will be until Christianity prevails. The mass better than it has to get done.



10—Thursday.

Today the weather was intensely cold all day. Thermometer  $4^{\circ}$  below zero. The coldest day we have had yet and the coldest we have had for sometime this season of the year.

The Quarter Session is not yet over and a deal of business is being transacted. So it is said James Noble was sitting in the jail was summoned down today on some case of Mr. Supps and was there all all day in fact he was quite amused about the matter as far as I could learn.

The American Congress has met and are threatening Kennedy Johnson with recall if he persists in todaying as they say the English opinion in the way he was said today to have done.

No news of any moment from England further than that we are likely to have a dozen of persons of the English Ministry before we are done with ocean telegraph.

There seems to be a determination on the part of some of the Whigs and in the Earl to run a 6 button against Fraser and run him out because they think Fraser will be too much influenced by Cameron.

Thorpurn has determined not to run in the upper ward at all.



So far the weather is still colder  
I think it must have been lower  
today than yesterday.  
The sessions closed to night  
at 12 o'clock. I am sorry that they  
should have had so much business  
with the sessions as we have  
had this time.

The Government have passed  
a bill to do away with quarterly  
sessions. They are only to be held twice  
~~to~~ hereafter. So that cases will not  
be brought forward so often as they  
have been and expense will therefore  
be saved.

We had a meeting of the Council  
this evening for the purpose of  
revising the plan of the Corporation  
in recommending the appointment  
of a Dean Fire engine business. There  
were a good many applications and  
the Fire Committee recommended  
Alfred Patchin as the Engineer. Brooker  
having withdrawn his claims altogether.

But the Council would not appoint  
to night and there was a fire just  
at the time we were sitting. Old  
Lott's house was burned to the ground  
in a short time. They took up the  
engine but she could not do a thing.  
So we were disappointed. Thomas Hamblin  
does not understand him and Forbes  
said his valves were frozen. Whether  
or not I could not say but we were  
disgusted with the whole affair. Lott's  
house was situated on the north side of  
Park Street near the Cathedral Church.  
No other damage was done.



12—Saturday.

Still cold and freezing but not so cold as yesterday but still cold. The board and all of us were so disgusted with the performance of the steam fire engine last night that we were ashamed of the whole affair. I got the fire committee to allow today and had them authorize me to telegraph to Mr. Sumner for Person and he came down and we suspended Thomas Hamilton until further notice. Person came and took a hold. I was glad to see him. He seems to me the best man in the right place and I hope will give us entire satisfaction.

Uncle Bill came up from Colchester to supper to attend the board of Public Instruction on Tuesday. He was afraid of the weather so he took time by the forelock and came up to supper. He does run quite so steady as he used to. I think.

I was talking to him about the county Superintendents. He seems to treat the subject favorably and with no doubt true in it.

The only difficulty I feel with Mr. Hall is his opposition to schools where poor fellows. He has a fine mind but it has always the tendency to judge me on the subject of Chignon.



To day the weather was still cold but not so severe as it might have been considering last week. I went to school in the morning and was quite as well prepared for my work as I might have been. I always feel ashamed of myself when my lesson is not thoroughly prepared.

Our school is quite interesting. Our pupils preached two but fair sermons to day but he spoiled them all in the delivery which I don't like. There was nothing worthy of note in them so, what worth according.

Our own Sabbath School did well to day we are looking up to greater progress than ever. I hope we shall soon have as many better than ever. Our lesson to day was in the 10th chapter of John. Christ on bread from heaven and so they will understand in that as much as possible but some of our teachers do not seem to apprehend the full purpose of the matter. Helen was not quite as well to day. She is bothered with swollen hands and feet in fact she is troubled with drops a good deal all through her system. I hope nothing will hurt her and that after her confinement she will be all right.



14—Monday.

Today the weather was cold frosty  
 and I snow the latter day.  
 In the morning about 14 o'clock <sup>we</sup> were  
 alarmed by the cry of fire I got  
 up and clothed my self and went  
 out as quickly as possible and found  
 it in Solvins Brothers store where I  
 got then there was no reason why  
 it could not be subdued but the  
 steamer immediately came along  
 and the people dropped working  
 in fact they seemed like a lot  
 of fools. After great difficulty  
 we got the steamer down to the water's  
 edge but she did not work at first  
 until the fire had got too much headway  
 and then when she did work they  
 put too much nozzle on the pipe  
 and we could not throw high enough  
 and the consequence was the store  
 and house was burned down but  
 still I think we will work the  
 engine after all I was not by  
 any means discouraged with my today's  
 part of the time she did well and we  
 saved the house adjoining the store  
 I got my feet very wet I came home  
 and got on dry stockings and  
 I was then all right and after  
 that I went back and attended to the  
 fitting up the engine up the hill we had  
 three teams at it and they did  
 well. There was too much whiskey  
 amongst the firemen  
 we had a meeting of the Council  
 to report our meeting passed accounts  
 and got appoint. Fire Engineering, we  
 thought it was better to wait for a couple  
 of weeks before we did that.



Today the weather was cold but not  
intense by any means.

The Leaking Examinations took place  
to day. There were 23 present but  
from appearance they were a poor lot  
by far. The poorest lot I ever saw up  
Miss Bess was up to as well as the  
rest. She seemed to get along very well  
at first but some of the work troubled  
her a little.

Mr. McSwain came in and attended  
the Board. We were all glad to see him.  
He went to Mr. Cameron's to stay and  
was no doubt taken round amongst  
the people tonight. He and Mr. Bell  
Mr. Johnston & myself were at Mr. Pumps  
to tea and we had quite a chat there  
together.

Mr. Douglass wrote me a letter  
which are sending into the Press. He  
inquires there if I considered whether  
I should sign a paper or not. Or  
merely take evidence in the case. But  
I did not do anything today in the  
matter. I rather left it open thinking something  
will evolve out of the affair. I have  
all appearances the thing must have been  
let on here indeed. I think the outcome  
is inevitable but we will see what the  
investigation will lead to perhaps something  
may come out of it. And perhaps  
that we scarcely can tell.

Mr. McSwain thanks Dr. Agnew will  
go to St. Louis and leave Detroit. Mr. Pumps  
thanks Mr.



Today the weather was much milder than yesterday the snow was inclined to melt a little deep and the sleighing which we have had for a few days was not so good but still it froze pretty hard. The sleighs were all hard at work today but I went on with my investigation. I took a good many affidavits today all bearing by the type I established the fact that Thomas H. Johnson had an insurance on the the three buildings of \$1200 all of which it is probable he will get. John Moore had an insurance of \$1800 and in his affidavit he had made out a bill of \$2500 which I take to be rather heavy \$2500 in old goods is a pretty heavy burden taking it all in all into a little old paper hole of a store like Moore's. We established the following fact that there was only one key in the door of the store that it was in the hands of John Moore and he asked at the time the fire was going on and that his door was locked when the fire was first seen so that some person had a key that could open his door and one that could lock it taking it altogether the store must have been set on fire.

Uncle Bill came up from Colchester today along with Thomas he is going tonight for Sarah Payne's wedding but it is said that poor Wray's is sick so that he may not be able to get married on Wednesday night. I am so sorry much better I think than when I saw him.



Today the weather was still more mild and pleasant in fact the snow was disappearing fast. We wound up the examination of teachers today about noon and we put them all off from certificates but gave which have passed only one got B. That was a girl named Busser. She seemed a very vigorous girl indeed.

Many of them I would no doubt be much displeased but we could not help it. We could not do anything else. There was one action of the French members of the Board I did not like and that was to advance a man by the name of Moussan a teacher from Bellefleur who has a diploma from a Lower Canadian Normal School. To my mind there was something dishonest in his being advanced to such a pitch as the attempt to do but we must have him only get a French certificate he cannot get an English one. We have an English examination.

We had no Johnston. Mrs. McLean, Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Johnston at La Tuque and we had Deputy Marsh who was calling on Miss Williams. So we had a very nice company taking in all in Mr. McLean was the very life and soul of the party his conversation was really so good and so intelligent.

I understood Williams. The sign is very ill. That he has again taken to bed at the Levee at Amherstburg.

Mrs. Bell went home today and he took my Persian species on the tubular hypothesis. He is fond of that kind of speculation.



18—Friday.

Today the weather changed a good deal  
there was a complete thaw towards night  
and it threatened rain a little but did not  
come there was a very high wind and  
very muddy and soft which drove the snow  
away pretty fast.

The people are beginning to speak again a good deal about elections. The upper or third ward is to have Ball appointed a number of candidates running. Some are talking of putting in another <sup>man</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup> than McEggen. At last McEggen is would appear to be in a very precarious state and will not be able to attend to the duties as well as he ought. The Sutton and Francis war are getting very life and people are beginning to show that they are a little inclined to have a contest on the matter. What is well amount to true well tell. Shaky seems to be the man that wants Sutton. The most he is talking about him the most.

The Mr. Loomer is not going home before Monday he is to preach for the Pastor on Sunday that is Josta Hagartha we are going to have Mr Thompson of Sarina with us on Sunday it appears and we are also to have Mr Goldsmith the Bible Society agent man as well

It appears the Parliament of Ontario  
is to be adjourned over the holidays after  
all John Sandford could not get his bills  
all through for all his squatters



Today as I expected the snow was all gone and it thawing considerably. It appears that Sarah Cheyne's intended marriage is very in doubt. Whether he will get over it in time for the wedding which will be a great blow and heavy discouragement to poor Sarah. Mess. Lockmans seems to be very sympathetic towards Sarah about the affair, and wants Ruf to do something and I ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> Ruf bothering her a good deal. I saw Solomon Wyle today he told me the Legislature would have to adjourn over the holidays as they would not be able to get over their work.

No news of any moment today. There seems to be no opposition to the Mayor and Council yet. They have all been allowed so far to walk the course we will see what Monday will bring forth. But the Upper Ward Politicians are rampant. What will be the effect of the candidature of so many it is hard to say. I studied (my lesson) tonight a little but Mr. Swan came in and I had to do a good deal of talking to him and so I was prevented looking up my work in any way as I ought. I often feel that my time is much hindered by this kind of thing.



20—Sunday.

To day the weather was not very cold but just a little disagreeable.

We finished today the Gospel by Matthew and were much pleased with the result of our labours amongst the lonely children.

Mr Kemp having gone by the way of Larnia to the Presbytery Mr Thompson of Larnia preached in it he gave us a fair sermon on the words from John 14:6 "I am the Father hath given me I have life and also comfort unto the world now will I come unto the world" the Father draw him. His sermon was really a very fair sermon delivered in an easy off hand kind of way slow but distinctly in utterance.

In the afternoon we had a fair meeting of the Sabbath School and for the first time issued our New Library. I proposed giving a few books to the teachers to read such as Sunday at home and the Sunday Magazine which will make me ready for the children's teachers.

Mr Thompson preached a splendid sermon in the evening one of the very choicest that I can hear. Some of his illustrations about the world being in Linnanthum and about the clouds the beautiful fiery clouds that rise and float across the air but are the products of the miasma and swamps. So are the damned they are the products of sin but are pure and white after being washed in the blood of the Lamb.



Today the weather was pretty good and moderate for the season. I was not very busy with work today in fact our work until Saturday will not be very busy it comes on on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1868 James Bell was still I think improving but he is rather weak.

The great Sarah Cheyne wedding is not to come off in fact says is so bad that it is difficult to tell whether she will get better or not it is the typhoid fever that he has and Dr Elliot says he will not be well in three weeks and so the world goes.

We adjourned the Young Men's Meeting for the next week. Meeting we had very few present and but we had a splendid speech from Mr Gold Smith the agent. He spoke admirably well he was very sure of the good old form but he said he was losing his hold on the great Nations of the world such as Austria and Spain by the Spaniards though he is in a state of anarchy more than ever there is quite a row as the City of Madrid and they will be worse apparently before they are better. Orders for aid hands to them for a good deal with swelling and dropsical affection.

Young James Barter came from Montreal to night. The nomination for Mayor Burn and Deputy Burn came off today and the same ones namely James Dovall Mayor and Deputy Burn William McLean Deputy Burn were elected without opposition. See next page for accounts of nomination in wards.



22—Tuesday.

To day the weather was not so very cold. There was a little snow but not much. The nominations for councillors for the various wards were made yesterday at twelve o'clock. Thomas C. Sutton and James Fraser were nominated for the first ward and Fraser pitched in considerably and said the backers of Sutton were the 'crowds' and not the respected people. Which of course Master Chubbey did not like it very well.

For the Centre Ward James Forbes and Fred Apple were nominated. They say Apple was nominated in a joke.

For the third Ward there were George Swain, Hugh McEwan, Thomas Mason, John Foster and Robert Green nominated. The fight will be between either George Swain and Robert Green or McEwan or perhaps Foster. There is a great deal of log rolling to day. Mason wants to make something out of the matter but what that will be is a problem not yet solved.

To night Mrs. Clara Bell came up from Colchester to the wedding and so did Larges. When he came and Leanne Craig and William Craig also came up but they told all he disappointed. It seemed too bad that they should be so disappointed. Some effort should have been made to get them. Poor Sarah is in a bad way about her intended.

I had a meeting of the Board of School Trustees today and the Board would not consent to Mattie Williams taking the school as her sister proposes.



DECEMBER.  
23—Wednesday.

To day the weather was much colder  
and there was a little snow.

Lewis told me that he has been  
as well tonight as he has been  
he seems to have some about too much  
altogether and cannot hold out  
then he went down to work they were  
tough and I was really sorry that  
he seemed so bad.

Poor Sarah thought she would  
have been a wife tonight but  
she could not and therefore she  
will have to wait.

Our Prayer Meeting was not largely  
attended to night. The Wednesday and  
other matters seemed to have  
interfered a good deal with it.  
Mr. King was present he came  
down from London with the  
evening train.

At two of our moment from  
Presbytery faster than that they  
appointed the Secs. of a ~~meeting~~  
committee of Presbytery to pay  
our mission funds for the  
support of the remedy whom  
they have appointed in the same  
mission field.

Mr. Anderson informed me that  
they would pay no more to the mission  
fund of the church on account of  
its funds being taken to pay delegate  
to presbytery held by it.

Charles Bell came up to the wedding  
to night and Mary Ruckman  
also came in great disappointments.



The thermometer stood fairly as yet today. It was quite cold. Eliza, Bill & James, Ned and Charles, Bill all went home today. I was exceedingly sorry to have James go home. He was so cheerful and so ~~kind~~ was a good and is a better a word. I could not get him out of my head all day. In fact I have almost as much respect for James as if he were my own son. He would almost be perfection if he could ~~be~~ only just embrace the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart.

He made me a very nice present of the Gold pen. ~~He~~ I hope with which I should suppose that is, cost him a considerable amount. Say three or four dollar American money.

The girls are getting all their presents ready to ~~send~~ for tomorrow and I am sorry that Anna is not just entirely pleased with hers. She is not well being in an interesting situation and rather nervous and has some troubles but occasionally I forget to mention that on Tuesday evening the Board of Trustees met and refused to allow the transfer of Miss Williams' school to her sister. And so Miss Williams has absolutely ceased altogether and no doubt, matters will be in high badger.

Mr Johnston the Keynote Arranger with me today for a lecture from Mr Stephenson who is to lecture in Detroit on Martin Luther being the other side of the picture to Father Mathew. The Catholic priest that recently lectured there. We are to pay his expenses from Toronto and back \$15-



To day the weather was quite pretty good  
at night and clear sun shined through  
the day.

Being Christmas it is a good day  
and of course a great deal about that  
plans in the morning there were various  
presents made. Albert got new boots with  
a new lugs. Annie a game map of  
Ireland in pairs. Barbara a new book  
with title of Unsentimental Journeys in  
the Modern Babylon by Greenwood (the Pall-  
mall Gazette Editor who went 24 hours into  
a work house). Anna got a book  
with the title of On both sides of the  
Atlantic in the days of the Commonwealth  
and Exploration by the author of Schenck  
Cotta Family. Helen got some handkerchiefs  
and gloves and I got a morning gown  
and various other things. All were  
pleased. I believe.

In the afternoon we went to Aunt  
Betsey's to dinner and we had a good  
one and we left the girls there. I was  
just a family gathering, excepting Miss  
Williams. Our friend John McSwain  
came in last night and stayed all  
night. He is fast becoming a great  
nuisance to us. A visit every few  
months would be acceptable but  
even two weeks is rather too much  
of a good thing. He is getting better but Sarah  
seems rather much in fear she don't  
surrender in getting him and that  
she may yet make a mess of it. She  
was up at Aunt Betsey's today.

In coming home Ma jilted and hurt  
herself a little but not much.



To day the weather was pretty cool rather  
frosty this evening with the wind blowing  
from the southward, a little rain still clear  
of us although a little drizzling occasionally.  
There were some things I had to attend  
to but our Police business is getting  
smaller and smaller and beautifully less  
because of the want of gas now under  
the new engine that is taking away  
the obstacles from the infant works.  
I got a letter from James Pick tongue  
stating that he got down to Colchester pretty  
well & without much trouble and has  
not suffered much by the cold.

I studied my Sabbath School Lesson  
this evening. We begin the first chapter  
of the ~~old~~ Gospel by Mark in the Colored  
School tomorrow. And so I read it this  
evening. Mark seems to take a rapid view  
of the early part of our Lord's life in  
the first 13 verses which constitute our  
Lesson. He jumps at a bound clear up to  
the time when our Saviour was led  
up into wilderness and tempted of the  
devil.

The Trustees seem inclined to appoint  
Miss Begg to the school vacated by Miss  
Williams and save the expense of a  
teacher when there are so few in the  
Colored School especially in the male School.  
Williams the colored teacher seems almost  
a failure.



To day is was quite mild and  
the wind slightly south

We had a 3<sup>rd</sup> lesson today notwithstanding  
our colored friends had to get up pretty  
early in the morning we commenced  
the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson by Mark today and  
did very well

Mr Kemp preached very well indeed  
and some of his sermons today  
I thought was fine good and  
much to the point

But notwithstanding all that  
he may preach and all that  
he may say some people will  
find fault with him all the  
time

My wife was quite fearful  
tonight she had to have warm  
confortations to the breast and  
her side was very much pained  
I am a good deal in trouble because  
of Lambert is away and I  
should like to have him attend  
me in case I don't get over my  
sickness

For Lambert's wife died last  
Tuesday and she was taken to  
St Catharines on ~~the~~ Wednesday  
just so that he will not be back  
for a week or ten days.



28—Monday.

To day the weather was quite mild  
 all day in fact a very beautiful  
 day. Throughout  
 I Ellen had a marvellous night all  
 night and then in the morning she  
 was threatened with Labour pains  
 and sure enough it was really that  
 in earnest. I went to my work  
 in the morning but I could not  
 do anything worth speaking about  
 I came back and found her in trouble  
 and then I ran for Aunt Peter  
 and Dr. Foster. She was very faintly  
 almost at hand and about two  
 o'clock the baby was born a very  
 fine daughter. The doctor gave Ellen  
 some morphine and it acted like  
 a charm. With her much better  
 than she expected and she got along  
 and was comparatively well.  
 I felt comparatively tired tonight  
 as I was up a good deal during  
 the night and further regret  
 I was very uneasy and very  
 much troubled about Ellen &  
 did not know what might be  
 the issue in her confinement.  
 But God in his providence has been  
 kind to us and blessed us thus  
 far and I trust he will bless  
 us still.  
 I did not go to the Young Men's  
 Christian Association to night being  
 so tired and sleepy.  
 Old Mr. Lamb was bound to  
 day. Johnston the minister gave an  
 awful magnificent sermon on him.



29—Tuesday.

To day the weather was mild and  
from South West part of the wind.

John and the Baby is wonderfully  
well all things considered. I did  
not expect to see them half as well.

In the day I was very busy posting  
up my accounts. I finished the chapters  
of day and find that we have spent  
\$11151 in churches during the last  
year which is a great deal.  
I am anxious to settle up everything  
before the thirty first of December.

There seems to be a considerable  
spirit of war in the East between  
Turkey and since they have had a  
fearful bumper and there is to be  
a conference of all the great powers  
and to have a conference on the affair.  
I am busy trying to push off  
the letters on the letter to Monday  
night. I am anxious to have a  
crowded to see if possible.

But there are the modest people  
have been before the public  
so much that I am afraid  
it will not take so well as  
it might otherwise. As though  
I am by no means enamored of  
the letter because I think he is  
not as talented as they make him  
out to be.



To day the weather was very good  
but quite cool and frosty and a  
little snow on the ground.  
I was rather busy and  
very anxious to get all my work up  
for settlement on the thirty first.  
I sent White down word but something  
was the matter with him as he could  
not or did not go. Grand Blackader was to  
come tomorrow morning at seven o'clock  
at least he promised to do so.

The Lecture this evening by Stevenson  
on Martin Luther was a pretty good  
lecture all things considered. The sermon  
by giving us a succinct idea of what  
a state the world was in before

the Reformation that in fact we are  
nearly as much indebted to the symptoms  
of the times as we are to Luther  
in having our matters as they now  
are. And then he gave us a glowing  
account of his moral courage and  
how he gradually got his eyes open  
in fact a good epitome of his life and  
character and done in good language.  
The trouble I see about the matter is  
the ~~too~~ tremendous abundance of  
language. The lecture has

nothing new today. When Rupp  
along being well read and is really  
any thing better than I expected.  
The Lecture was not well attended  
in fact I don't think there was more  
than 160 people present.



To day the wind changed to the east and we could scarcely get our stone fire burning in the afternoon in the morning the fog was so thick that we could scarcely see one another the boats could scarcely run in the run at all the Iron Boat run against Forbes Boat and broke her shaft and ~~then~~ took a little while to the office about half past seven and Mr. Blackman and I went over the books and he audited all my accounts and then the warrants and then I went to Messers and sat down with him then was Mr. Mink coming to me and the less because of my building in during the past week however taking all things into account I came out pretty well and well doubtless get along well during the present year.

Sarah & her nieces wedding is to come off tomorrow if no mishaps come in the way.

I am 46 years of age & day time is beginning to shade its wings upon me and we are not very willing to have it said that we are growing old.

Nothing that I could say would add much to the aptitudes I have known during the year. I suppose it is to say that God in his Providence has kept our hand to us during the year. Great and I trust in the year that is to come the work of his countenance will continue to be in the state.











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